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Santa Claus leads a cadre of two-wheelers down Picacho Avenue Sunday, Dec. 2, toward Picacho Peak Brewery during the ninth annual U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Bicycle Ride. The five-mile trek began at Plaza de Las Cruces.

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County Treasurer extends Dec. 10 office hours

Doña Ana County Treasurer Eric L. Rodriguez has announced that his office will accept property-tax payments from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, which is the deadline to pay first-half property taxes before state-mandated interest and penalties begin to accumulate.

Citing convenience as a priority for his office, Rodriguez said payments can be made in a number of ways, such as:

* By mailing payment to the Treasurer's Office using the self-addressed envelope provided with the tax notice.

* In person at the Treasurer's Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 845 Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces.

* By using the indoor drop box, located near the Treasurer's Office teller windows.

* Online with a credit or debit card, or via elec-

tronic checks at www.donaanacounty.org/tax/ or by phone at (575) 647-7433. There is a nominal fee for this service.

* In person from Nov. 10 to Dec. 10 at any of the following satellite locations:

— Anthony City Hall: 820 Highway 478 Anthony, NM 88021

— Hatch City Hall: 133 Franklin St. Hatch, NM 87937

— Sunland Park City Hall: 1000 McNutt Rd., Sunland Park, NM 88063

— Lake Section Water Co.: 303 E. El Paseo Dr. Chaparral, NM 88081

For property owners whose taxes are paid by an escrow holder, the tax bill will be sent directly to the escrow holder.

Property owners who have not paid their taxes in

full and did not receive reminders should immediately contact the Treasurer's Office at (575) 647-7433.

Mobile home owners who did not receive a tax bill should contact the Treasurer's office, since mobile homes are taxed separately from the land on which they are placed.

"We make every effort to notify every property owner of their tax obligations," Rodriguez said. "We have already sent out more than 69,000 first-half reminders. If for some reason you haven't paid your property taxes, please don't miss the critical Dec. 10 deadline."

Rodriguez said the only way for property owners to avoid penalties and interest is by making arrangements to pay property taxes on time. Once penalty and interest are incurred, there is no provision in the state's tax code to remove the charges from an account.

MPO meetings focus on transportation

The Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is hosting open houses in the MPO area as part of the five-year update process to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Residents of Las Cruces and central Doña Ana County's unincorporated communities are invited to attend at any time during the open houses to provide their input on transportation issues in the region.

Open house meetings are scheduled for:

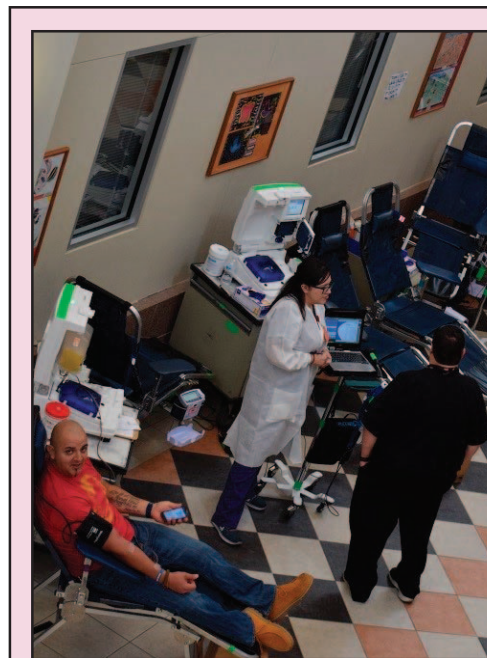
* December 10, 2018, 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Radium Springs Community Center, 12060 Lindbeck Rd., in Radium Springs.

* December 13, 2018, 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Del Cerro Multipurpose Center, 180 La Fe Ave., in Mesquite.

The Mesilla Valley MPO is the multi-jurisdictional planning agency responsible for transportation planning for the Las Cruces urbanized area in central Doña Ana County.

The core document produced by the MPO is the MTP, a long-range transportation plan that guides planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of the transportation network in the MPO area. Federal law requires the MTP have a minimum 20-year planning horizon and be updated every five years.

For more information about the open-house series or regional transportation in general, contact MPO staff by email at mpo@las-cruces.org or by phone at (575) 528-3070.



BE LIKE JORGE! DONATE!

Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Department Health Promotion Specialist Jorge Ochoa donates blood in the rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center during a recent blood drive. Persons wishing to follow his example are encouraged to participate in today's Holiday Blood Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, or appointment slots can be scheduled by calling (575) 525-6130.

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Democrats solidify legislative power in Doña Ana County

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

If you're a partisan Democrat, you might call it "The Missing 75th."

If I've read the map of New Mexico State Senate districts correctly, there is only one precinct in Doña Ana County that will continue to be represented by a Republican when the legislature meets in January.

Precinct 75, a sliver of the county that includes the Chaparral area, is part of state Senate District 34, which is represented by Ron Griggs.

Most of District 34 is comprised of Otero County, along with the southwest corner of Eddy County – both Republican. And Griggs is a popular former Alamogordo mayor.

But, the Nov. 6 general election results – officially certified last week – mean that the other 119 precincts in Doña Ana County will be represented by D's in Santa Fe next session and for at least the next two years.

Mary Kay Papen, Bill Soules, Jeff Steinborn and Joseph Cervantes, all of Las Cruces, and John Arthur Smith of Deming represent Doña Ana County in the state Senate. They are a powerful group.

Key dates

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

DEC 13: Legislative Send-off Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

DEC. 17- JAN. 11: Legislators can pre-file bills

JAN. 15: The 60-day 2019 session begins at noon at the state capitol in Santa Fe

FEB. 14: Deadline for introduction of bills

MARCH 16: The session ends at noon

APRIL 5: Legislation passed by the House and Senate but not acted on by the governor is pocket vetoed

JUNE 14: Effective date of legislation that is not a general appropriations bill or a bill carrying an emergency clause or other specific date

Inside

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Smith is a 30-year veteran of the Senate and chair of the Senate Finance Committee. Papen is president pro-tem of the Senate, first elected in 2000 to the seat that was previously held by her late husband, Frank



State Rep. Joanne Ferrary



State Sen. John Arthur Smith



State Rep.-elect Micaela Lara Cadena



State Rep.-elect Ray Lara



State Rep. Rudy Martinez



State Rep.-elect Willie Madrid

O'Brien Papen, and then by County Manager Fernando Macias. The two Papens and Macias have represented District 38 since 1969. Smith and his predecessor, the late I.M. "Ike" Smalley of Deming, have held District 35 for more than 60 years.

Soules, among a handful of legislators with a Ph.D., is chair of the Senate Education Committee. Both Cervantes, an attorney, and Steinborn, a conservationist, served in the New Mexico House of Representatives before being elected to the state Senate. Cervantes, who was also a Doña Ana County commissioner, has 18 total years in the legislature. Steinborn has represented the county in the House and Senate for a decade.

On the House side, Democrat Willie Madrid, a Gadsden Independent School District (GISD) educator from Chaparral, defeated the county legislative delegation's lone Republican, Ricky Little, in November in a

rematch of 2016. Madrid will represent parts of Doña Ana and Otero counties.

The other two other newcomers to the county House delegation are Micaela Lara Cadena and Ray Lara.

Cadena will represent District 33, succeeding fellow Democrat Bill McCamley. McCamley, 40, has been a legislator for six years, served four years on the county commission and nearly won the Democratic primary for this district's U.S. House seat 10 years ago. He lost in the 2018 Democratic primary for state auditor.

Lara, a GISD administrator, defeated incumbent Democrat Bill Gomez in the June primary and had no opponent in November.

The senior member of the county House delegation in terms of years of service is Rudy Martinez. A former Bayard city councilor and mayor and one-time Grant County commissioner, Martinez was appointed

to the District 39 House seat in 2007 and held it until losing to Republican John Zimmerman in 2014. Martinez, who lives just outside Silver City, won the seat back in a 2016 rematch and now has 10 years' experience in the House. District 39 includes parts of Grant, Sierra and Doña Ana counties.

Doreen Gallegos is the only member of the county delegation that is part of the House leadership. She was recently re-elected majority whip and will be starting her fourth term in the House in January.

The other three House members representing this county – Nathan Small, Joanne Ferrary and Angelica Rubio – were all re-elected to their second terms in November.

Xochitl Torres Small, became the first Democrat elected to represent New Mexico's Second Congressional District since 2008.

Torres Small is part of the 2018 Democratic

sweep of almost every local, regional and state-wide office representing this county. All five county commissioners are Democrats, along with the clerk, assessor, treasurer, sheriff and probate judge. Former state Sen. Steve Fischmann of Las Cruces kept the District 5 seat (which includes Las Cruces) on the state Public Regulation Commission in the Democrats' hands. He beat the incumbent Democrat in the primary and a former commissioner in the general.

Democrat Patricia Gipson was unopposed in her re-election bid for the District 7 seat on the state Public Education Commission, but so was Republican Michael M. Chavez of Deming in District 6. Gipson represents 115 precincts in Doña Ana County and two in Otero County, while Chavez will represent five precincts in this county and all or part of nine other counties.

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will host a legislative send-off luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at Hotel Encanto.

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Giving Tuesday deemed 'a great day' for NMSU

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Including a quarter-million-dollar gift from Chancellor Dan Arvizu, fundraising during New Mexico State University's fourth annual Giving Tuesday topped \$2 million.

"At midnight (on Nov. 27), we went over \$2.1 million," said NMSU Associate Vice President for Alumni Engagement and Stewardship Leslie Cervantes. "It was a great day."

"I feel so humbled by the commitment of our alumni, donors, corporate partners and friends that made it such a success," said Cervantes, a 1986 NMSU graduate. "Students are our focus on Giv-

ing Tuesday and with the generosity received by everyone, we will be able to positively impact our Aggie students for years to come. It is such a great day to match students' needs with donors' wishes – all that comes together on Giving Tuesday and we couldn't be more grateful."

Hundreds of donors contributed on the special day, during which "donors contributed to any charitable fund of their choice across the NMSU system, and matching money challenges made it possible to multiply their gifts," NMSU Foundation, Inc. Marketing and Publications Officer Angel Mendez said in a news release.

"Hundreds joined the NMSU Foundation throughout the day at Giving Tuesday headquarters inside Corbett Center's Aggie Lounge," Mendez said. "Students called to thank 1,250 donors, learned more about philanthropy and celebrated their first gifts to NMSU, while donors shared stories behind their donations with tears and laughter."

A total of 24 new scholarship endowments were created during the day, Mendez said.

"I just want to say that I love this university," Frances Williams said in the NMSU news release. She used NMSU



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SEE **GIVING**, PAGE 5 **Members of the NMSU Foundation celebrate with NMSU administrators.**

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Giving Tuesday matching funds to start three scholarships.

"I've lived here a long time, and I always try to support it. For the students here today, please graduate. You are the future."

Another scholarship endowment was created Nov. 27 by the J.R. Stewart 141 Foundation. It will support students who are the children of law enforcement officers in Doña Ana County or the children and grandchildren of any law enforcement officer in the state who dies in the line of duty, said J.R. Stewart 141 Foundation member Shelton Dodson. Stewart, a 35-year member of the Las Cruces Police Department, was killed in a vehicle-motorcycle accident during a high-speed chase on Nov. 27, 2017.

"New Mexico Gas Company announced a major gift of \$100,000 to Arrowhead Center" on Giving Tuesday, Mendez said in her news release, and Las Cruces' Organ Mountain Outfitters presented \$6,500 to the NMSU-Las Cruces Aggie Cupboard. "These funds were raised through sales of a shirt co-designed by the Associated Students of NMSU and combined

with matching funds from an anonymous donor. The Aggie Cupboard provides non-perishable food items to students, faculty and staff," Mendez said.

"We've been able to provide hundreds of meals, and it's because of our community – not because of us," said Organ Mountain Outfitters owner Chris Lang.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima and local Farmers Insurance agents donated \$750 to help support NMSU students who study insurance.

The gift from Arvizu and his wife, Sheryl, was the largest donation of the day. Their \$250,000 will support student scholarships and fellowships in the Aggie Innovation Center, Mendez said.

"The Aggie Innovation Center is incredibly inspiring," Arvizu said in the university's news release. "It gives students from all of our colleges the chance to be entrepreneurs. Sheryl and I both have a heart for those students who are near the end of their education but run into financial challenges. Hopefully, this gift will perpetuate continued trajectory for this innovative space for the long term."

"Giving Tuesday at NMSU exemplifies what a giving and supportive community we live in," said Denise



NMSU President Floros and NMSU Chancellor Dan Arvizu stand next to the sum raised as of 5 p.m. Nov. 27 during NMSU's Giving Tuesday Event hosted by the NMSU Foundation. The event continued until midnight.

Welsh, who worked for NMSU for more than 30 years before retiring in 2016. "The generous donations made by businesses, families, individuals and NMSU alumni creating new scholarships and supporting existing ones directly benefit current and future NMSU students throughout New Mexico. As an NMSU retiree, NMSU alumni, American Southwest Theatre Company president and NMSU Pioneer board member, I am proud to be a part of this great community and support NMSU student scholarships and programs."

The money raised this year is "supporting some inspirational new scholarships and programs that benefit our Aggie students, faculty and staff throughout the NMSU system," Mendez said.

Giving Tuesday has raised more than \$12 million (including more than \$4.5 million in matching funds) for NMSU since the program began in 2015.

For more information, visit support.nmsu.edu/GT.

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Local Farmers Insurance agents donated \$750 to New Mexico State University on Giving Tuesday. From left are agents Darin Manes, Betty Solis and Dominic Vigil.

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The intersection of George H.W. Bush and Pearl Harbor

As President Franklin Roosevelt predicted, the date of Dec. 7, 1941, has indeed lived in infamy. Seventy-seven years ago today, the world changed, as the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, not yet a state, but a United States territory. The attack propelled America into World War II and motivated a generation of young men to sign up for their duty to defend and protect our nation's freedoms.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

One of those young men was a tall, gangly George H.W. Bush, then a high school senior in Andover, Mass. The recent passing of Bush, who would become America's 41st president, so near the 77th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, is somehow fitting.

Bush, who will be our last president who served in World War II, heeded Roosevelt's inspiration to stand up to fear.

"After Pearl Harbor, it was a different world altogether," Bush would later tell a biographer. "It was a red, white, and blue thing. Your country's attacked, you'd better get in there and try to help."

Bush was also the most recent president to serve in active duty, and performed heroically in the war, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross.

In September 1944, the young Navy aviator was assigned a mission to bomb a strategic radio tower on a remote Japanese island heavily guarded by the enemy. His plane was hit, and he ordered his crew members to parachute out of the burning plane. Bush continued piloting the plane until he

was able to bomb the tower, then he crawled through smoke and flames to parachute out himself. Once free of the plane, wind caught him and sent him back up, and he bashed his head against the aircraft's tail. While parachuting down, he watched as his plane plummeted into the Pacific Ocean.

Bush himself landed in the ocean, and fortunately found a life raft he was able to inflate and cling to. Injured, sick and in shock, Bush must have thought it was a bizarre mirage, when suddenly a U.S. submarine emerged to rescue him. He later learned none of his other crewmen survived. And many in that same mission were captured and killed. Horrifiably, some were even cannibalized.

There even exists film footage of the submarine's rescue of Bush. You can find it on YouTube.

Last year, Bulletin writer Mike Cook profiled Las Cruces Casey Stevens, who was at Pearl Harbor, aboard the USS Medusa.

Cook interviewed the 98-year-old Stevens just weeks before his death.

From Stevens' vantage point on the ship, the sheer number of Japanese aircraft was overwhelming.

"There were planes all over the base like flies," Stevens recalled. "Sometimes they were so close, I could see the pilots smiling. I recall seeing one had a gold tooth."

Then Stevens described the unforgettable scene in the only appropriate way.

"It looked like hell."

Is there a correlation in Bush having survived the hell of war, and him now being recognized as perhaps the last bipartisan-minded U.S. President?

Well, first of all, to call Bush bipartisan is relative. In our current times of political polarization, even someone who worked with the opposing party on a project even once could be termed bipartisan. And, in death, it

Tango sed

It doesn't make much difference how fast a horse can run if the jockey doesn't cross the finish line with him.

Annie is a jockey and horse trainer of good reputation. She

passed along this story about a horse we'll call TANGO SED.

Clyde, a local horseman who ran horses frequently at the ol' San Juan Downs Racetrack in Farmington, New Mexico, spotted TANGO in a pasture. He watched him over a few days, liked him, and bought the 4-year old stud. Problem was, nobody could ride him. The local cowboys all tried. As did the trainers, retired jockeys, weekend buckaroos, electricians, roughnecks, silversmiths, auctioneers and parolees. But nobody could stay on the buck.

Finally some out-of-town bronc busters were summoned. They eared him down, mounted up and got bucked off like all the rest. It was disappointing for Clyde but he bit the bullet and sold TANGO to a Navajo man from the reservation.

Six months went by and one day TANGO showed up at the racetrack. Not only that, he smoked the competition! He won the 250, the 330, the 400 and the quarter-mile races he entered. Clyde's judgment was redeemed. He knew TANGO could run. After



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the races he went down to the barns and found the Navajo man.

"Congratulations! That sure is a great horse," said Clyde. "I always believed he could win. But tell me, how did

you break him?"

"Well," explained the Navajo man in his carefully enunciated English, "When we got him home I tried to ride him and he bucked me off. Then my brother tried to ride him and he got bucked off. Then my cousin tried to ride him and he got bucked off."

"On the second day I tried to ride him and I got bucked off. Then my brother tried to ride him and he got bucked off. Then my cousin tried to ride him and he got bucked off."

"On the third day I tried to ride him and I got bucked off. Then my brother tried to ride him and he got bucked off. Then my cousin tried to ride him and he got bucked off."

"On the fourth day I got on him and I rode him. Then my brother got on him and he rode him. Then my cousin got on him and he rode him."

"I guess he was thirsty."

Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, former large animal veterinarian and entertainer of the agricultural masses. Learn more at www.baxter-black.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The long way around

To the editor:

I hear the geniuses organizing road construction [on Avenida de Mesilla] are closing Hickory Drive overnight this week. Surely the announcement had a typo and they meant a fortnight, because nothing regarding this project happens fast. Their capricious approach to traffic management confirms they don't consider the impact on folks who live amidst all this.

For instance, do they realize hundreds of senior citizens are practically trapped on the west side of Interstate 10 in the Trails West community and two RV parks filled with snowbirds with little access to necessities? There is not a single su-

permarket on our side of I-10. Save Mart has been blocked off for months and requires a genius IQ to figure out how to use the "alternate entrance." Walmart and Albertson's require a direct approach via Avenida de Mesilla (and Hickory Drive – forget Valley!), unless you're clever enough to maneuver the back roads, which takes us old folks way out of our comfort zone.

Yesterday we managed to bypass the chaos by taking Stern Drive to Boutz to El Paseo, and back to Idaho, to reach Albertson's to stock up on provisions and Christmas cookie baking supplies. If we hadn't figured out that route, it's likely supper would have been a couple of stale bagels topped with cream cheese only slightly dot-

ted with blue-green mold, and an overripe banana.

And to our kids, please expect deliveries from UPS and Fed Ex because holiday shopping is nearly impossible.

Here's hoping us old folks and our neighbors in Mesilla can outlast the siege. In the meantime, please send in the food trucks.

*Diane Greenholdt
Las Cruces*

Becoming a Washington insider

To the editor:

First promise broken. It appears the new campaign style and message of southern New Mexico progressive Democrats can be summed up with Congresswoman-elect Xochitl Torres Small's first vote. We watched hundreds of campaign

ads where Torres Small promised us she would be an independent voice for our district. She told us she wasn't sure if she could support Nancy Pelosi for [House] Speaker, but it only took her 10 days to vote for her instead of voting with the 32 Democrats who opposed Pelosi.

Speaker-elect Pelosi is known for advocating restricted gun ownership, a weaker military and much more government control. Her agenda also includes plans for socialized medicine, open borders and further regulating the oil and gas industry, New Mexico's primary source of tax revenue.

Congresswoman-elect Xochitl Torres Small is on her way to becoming a Washington insider after

breaking her first promise to us. Southern New Mexico is a special place and we deserve better.

*Chris Mathys
Las Cruces*

Not so thankful

To the editor:

As I sit here on this Thanksgiving weekend and ponder the state of the Republic and the direction in which our nation is headed I feel Kafkaesque about the future.

As someone who has traveled a bit and seen other countries, I'm thankful to be an American. But as the results of this most recent election show, too many of us apparently are not. When people like Ocasio Cortez from New York and Xochitl Torres Small here in New Mexico are elected

we are in real trouble. Anyone who has watched [Cortez] being interviewed can immediately tell she is playing with a deck full of Jokers. The trouble with the swamp is, the more you drain it new creatures simply replace old ones, and as long as people want freebies it will continue.

We are now nearing \$22 trillion in debt with no end in sight, and our new Congress wants more free stuff. What we are about to get is sky-high tax increases, reduced Defense spending, open borders along with massive increases in social spending to take care of the millions that will arrive. Back when I was in school and they still taught history, we stud-

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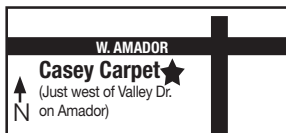
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ied ancient Greece and Rome, and the question always asked was how these great nations failed. No longer must I wonder; I'm watching before my eyes the country being destroyed by those that could not have built it.

During the last two years we have seen our country turn around, with economic numbers that prove it. But now apparently enough people

have decided it's time for another side trip into fantasyland. For the next two years we will have obstruction and delay in both Congress and the courts, nothing will get done. So, this Thanksgiving season with numerous enemies at the gate, instead of being thankful, many voters decided to do something else. Vladimir Lenin called them useful idiots. May we be truly thankful for what we are about to receive.

Dennis Stone
Las Cruces

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always seems a passing president is painted in as favorable a light as possible.

Perhaps, though, the shared experience Americans had during World War II, fighting alongside soldiers and sailors of all backgrounds and geographies, fighting for a common cause, helped men of Bush's era see the bigger picture. Bush indeed worked on some important measures that had bipartisan support and reached across the aisle to compromise and achieve results.

His biggest criticism,

and something that may have cost him re-election, was his backdown from his famous campaign pledge, "Read my lips. No new taxes."

Things changed, though, from the time he made the pledge to the time he broke it. Bush worked a compromise with his political adversaries to reach an agreement both sides believed was good for our country.

He set his ego aside, worrying less about how it made him look than about how it made sense for America. The theory of nation before ego still makes sense, more than a quarter century after we had a president who practiced it.

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Lions KidSight, Inc. has a vision for children's eye health

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

More than half of children identified as "problem learners" in school actually suffer from undetected eye disorders, according to the New Mexico Lions Operation KidSight, Inc. (NMLOKS) program.

That makes children's vision not only a health issue but also an education issue, NMLOKS Program Manager Brenda Dunn said. And it's something the Las Cruces-based program is looking to change in every corner of the state.

During the 2017-18 school year, 26 NMLOKS teams screened more than 40,000 children in public and private schools, Head Start pro-



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New Mexico Lions Operation KidSight, Inc. Program Manager Brenda Dunn and her husband, Steve McAfee, conduct a vision screening.

grams and daycare centers. More than 8,000 were referred for full examinations.

From August-November of this year, the program gave vision screenings to 5,812 stu-

dents at 25 Las elementary schools. Of those, 930 (16 percent) were referred to eye doctors for exams.

New Mexico, she said, and the Lions are looking to roar ahead with plans to expand the program to

include the state's largest school district and just about "anywhere there are students in third grade and under who want screenings."

NMLOKS estimate nearly nine out of 10 children entering first grade in New Mexico have never had an eye exam, even though the American Optometric Association recommends eye exams at age six months, 3 years and 6 years.

NMLOKS screenings take less than a minute – usually only a few seconds – with a handheld camera positioned more than two feet from a child's face and can detect a number of vision issues that children – and their parents – may not even know they have, including myopia (near-

sightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), astigmatism and amblyopia (lazy eye).

If a problem is detected, NMLOKS recommends the child be taken to a licensed optometrist for a full examination. The screenings are free of charge and the program even helps families in need to pay for exams and glasses if they are needed.

If a school nurse identifies a student needs an eye examination and/or glasses but is not covered by Medicaid or insurance, the nurse can contact Dunn and get a voucher for an exam and glasses if they are needed from a nearby vision-service provider. "During the 2017-18 school year, 517 vouchers were serviced for Pre-K through 12th grade stu-

dents at a total cost of \$67,580," according to the NMLOKS 2017-18 annual report.

The Lions Club Foundation also helps pay for eye surgeries for children if they are required, Dunn said. This year's screenings disclosed two students with cataracts, she said.

Even with free referrals and financial assistance including help paying for transportation to a vision-care provider, Dunn said 40 percent of students referred for a full exam never receive the exam. She's looking for about \$500,000 to pay for two new mobile units to provide those exams for free throughout the state.

NMLOKS also has a "Spare Pair" program, Dunn said, to help students who have glasses but don't bring them to school. Through the program, a school nurse can notify NMLOKS that a child needs a spare pair of glasses. With parental permission, Dunn gets the student's prescription and issues and sends an order to the Essilor Vision Foundation, which "has helped distribute more than 500,000 pairs of glasses to people in need since 2007," according to www.evfusa.org.

During the 2017-18 school year, 118 spare pairs of glasses were provided to New Mexico students, according to NMLOKS.

New Mexico Lions took over the statewide vision-screening program through a contract

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with the New Mexico Department of Health in 2015. The nonprofit NMLOKS has developed a network of more than 100 vision services providers across the state, Dunn said. It opened its state office that February in the Lions Club Community Center, located at 1501 N. Solano Drive in Las Cruces. Dunn is the program's only paid employee.

One of NMLOKS' Las Cruces partners is Texas Roadhouse, which gives 10 percent of proceeds from meals served on the 16th of each month to the vision program if patrons mention it, Dunn said.

"I have the best job in the world," said Dunn, who has been a Lions Club member for more

than 15 years.

Here is other eye-opening information from NMLOKS' 2017-18 annual report:

- Children's perception of their vision is everyone sees like they do. Since vision disorders do not hurt, parents may not realize their child has an eye problem.

- Childhood from birth to about 8 years of age is the most important developmental period of life and is the foundation upon which future academic success is established.

- Vision and learning are closely related, as about 80 percent of what a child learns in school is based on information presented visually. If untreated vision problems are allowed to linger, the following illustration presents the possible results.

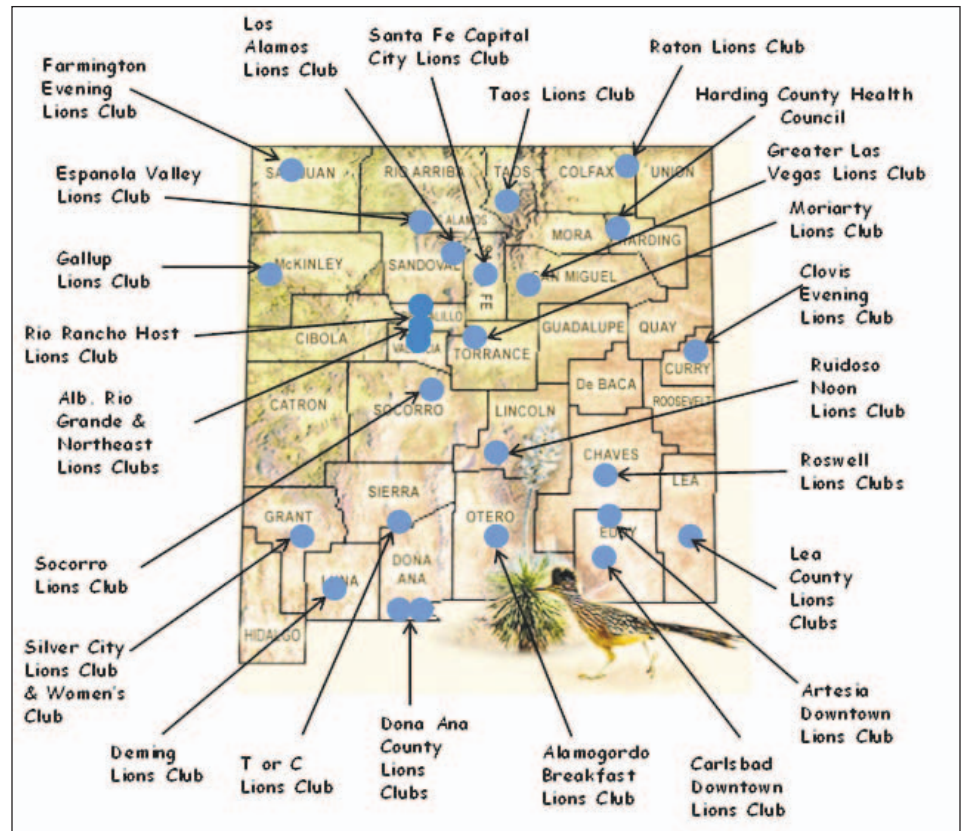
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Cruces vision screenings results, the referral rate was 17 percent for third graders compared to 15.4 percent for pre-K, kindergarten and first-grade students. A majority of third-grade referrals were for students who had been prescribed glasses but were not wearing them because the glasses were broken, lost, left at home, etc.

- 95 percent of vision issues detected by NMLOKS screenings can be corrected with glasses.

For more information, contact Dunn at 575-525-5631 and nmlionskid-sight@gmail.com. Visit www.NMLionsKidSight.com. Their office is located inside the Lions Club Community Center, 1501 N. Solano Drive.

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NARFE: Chapter 182 meet- ing, 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, Esparanza Room of the Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser Drive. Info: Marlene, 524-3927 or may- field195@msn.com.

The CAUG Group: Meets 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8,

NMSU Barnes & Noble Bookstore Living Room (2nd Floor), East University and Jordan Road. Agenda includes "What's New with Apple" discussion and tu- torials.

Academy for Learning in Retirement: 10 a.m.-noon, Good Samaritan Audito- rium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. A History of the American West, \$4 per day members, \$5 per day non- members, \$5 a year to be- come a member. Info: dacc. nmsu.edu/alr, 575-522-1938, nmsu.alr@gmail.com.

- Dec. 10: The 20th Cen- tury West
- Dec. 12, Studies: Biog- raphy of Fabian Garcia

LC Association of Edu- cational Retirees: Annual Christmas Party, 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, Good Samaritan Meeting Room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Installations of officers, optional \$5 gift exchange,

music. Info: Navora Rich- ardson, 575-649-7663.

Doña Ana Archaeologi- cal Society: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, Good Sa- maritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Thoth Gibbs, archaeologist and cultural resource manage- ment specialist, presents. Free. Info: 524-9497.

Ribeyes for Kids: 11 a.m. -10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, Texas Roadhouse, 2200 E Lohman Ave. Event sup- porting KidSight though the NM Lions Club.

Safety in the Home Presen- tation: 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, presented by the Alzheimer's Association, NM Chapter, Crossroads In-Home Care, 189 How- ard Place. Info: Alexis Ramirez, 800-272-3900 or alramirez@alz.org. For di- rections call 575-647-3868.

Doña Ana County Federated Republican Women: Annual Christmas Party, 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14, Trin- ity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Drive. Cost of lunch \$15. RSVP by Dec. 10. Info: Patricia Rothengass, 575- 650-5057 or artpjr1940@ yahoo.com

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Organizations collaborate to build 'Community Schools'

By ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH
Las Cruces Bulletin

At Lynn Middle School students get extra attention.

"We provide them with wrap-around services throughout the day," said Community Schools Administrator Sylvia Chavez, who works out of Lynn. "We have tutoring, after-school programs, dinners every day, eighth-graders getting a safe driving program, exploratory classes, the Mariposas Program – building confidence in our girls. We are building programs so that we can give them what they need and listen to what they want."

Chavez is a hunter. Her job is to find things that help students at Lynn as well as their families. Recently, she said, some students came to her asking for an LGBT club, so she is looking into that, too.

All of that, and more, is what gives Lynn the designation of "Community School." Now, the City of Las Cruces, Las Cruces Public Schools and other community organizations are teaming up to spread the Community School concept through the system.

During a Dec. 3 press conference at City Hall, Las Cruces District Coordinator for Community Schools David Greenberg defined a community school as a place that "really fits the assets and needs of the community."

"Every 'community school' looks different," he said. "Approximately 5,000 schools have identi-



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH
Community Schools Administrator Sylvia Chavez and Ashley Echavarría, chief executive officer for the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces, chat following a Community Schools press conference held at Las Cruces City Hall Monday, Dec. 3.

fied themselves across the country. As we say: 'If you have seen one community school, you have seen one community school.'"

Greenberg said each

school is unique in that no one person or organization owns the idea; it's community owned.

"We are drawing on a model you can see on the National Education



Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing, LCPS District Training Specialist/Community School Liaison Mary Parr-Sanchez, LCPS Coordinator for Community Schools David Greenberg and Mayor Ken Miyagishima answer questions Dec. 3 during a joint press conference at City Hall.

Association website that puts forth a number of pillars, including a culturally relevant education, etc.," he said. "We are launching a partnership, a symbol of our

community coalescing around a set of values."

During the press conference, Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima announced that a Joint Powers Agreement had

been signed July 16 to establish a board, with representatives from the city, Las Cruces Public Schools and other partners, to establish more community schools in the area.

The board is now formed and funding for the project will start between \$50,000 and \$70,000.

"When we invest in our children, we will probably greatly reduce money we spend in other places in the long run," Miyagishima said. "Community Schools ... will help the student become more successful during their school time and also beyond."

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Torres Small breaks the mold as new U.S. representative

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Throughout its 50-year history, New Mexico's Second Congressional District has been represented in Washington, D.C., by mostly middle-aged, conservative, white males from eastern New Mexico.

That mold will be broken in January when Xochitl Torres Small is sworn into office.

Torres Small is 34, female, Hispanic, a liberal and a native of Las Cruces.

She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgetown University and a law degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law. She is married to state Representative (and former Las Cruces city councilor) Nathan Small, D-Doña Ana.

Torres Small will be sworn in Jan. 3 in Washington, D.C., as the sixth representative in the district's 50-year history and the first from Las Cruces since 1971. She is the first woman, the first minority and the youngest to represent the district.

"I am just incredibly excited," Torres Small said in a telephone interview.

She said it really sunk in that she had won the seat when she received a call on Wednesday, Nov.

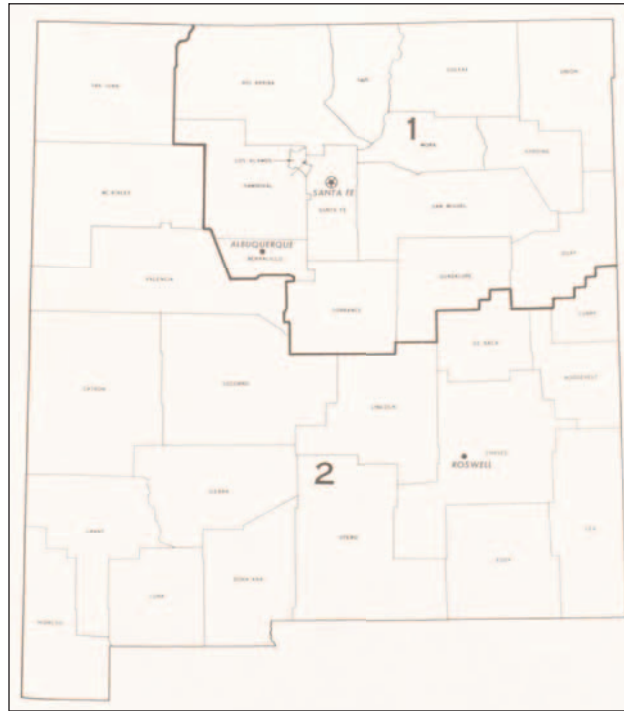


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District 2 as it was drawn in 1968

7, the day after the general election, confirming that all the votes had been counted and she was, indeed, the winner. Republican Yvette Herrell had been ahead on election night, but Torres Small won by a margin of about 3,700 votes out of 199,250 cast after absentee ballots were tabulated in Doña Ana County.

Torres Small said she was driving when she received the call and had to pull over to absorb the news. Her first thought, she said, was one of gratitude that all the votes had been counted and that so

many had voted who had never voted before or who had not voted in a long time.

Winning the seat is "an incredible honor," she said.

She has been in D.C. receiving orientation and interviewing staff, she said. She had not yet received committee assignments or an office assignment in the capital.

Torres Small said she has taken "every opportunity" to talk about southern New Mexico's needs, including affordable and accessible health care and infrastructure improvements.



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District 2 today

"It's incredibly important," she said, "that I advance and deliver for southern New Mexico.

The great thing about the district is that it is so diverse and so large. You have to focus on serving everyone."

District 2 history

New Mexico was given two at-large U.S. House seats when it became a state in 1912. The second seat was abolished in 1913 and re-instated in 1943.

Redistricting in 1969 created two New Mexico congressional districts: District 1 representing Albuquerque, Santa Fe and northern New

Mexico; District 2 including Las Cruces and southern New Mexico. A third district was formed in 1982 encompassing Santa Fe, Farmington and far northern New Mexico.

District 2 has been represented by three Republicans (38 years total) and two Democrats (12 years); three from Lea County (26 years and the last 18 consecutive years), one from Lincoln County (22 years) and one from Doña Ana County (two years). Two of the five incumbents retired, two were defeated for re-election and one died in office.

Four were businessmen,


all involved in the oil industry at some point in their careers, and one was a rancher.

- 1968: Republican Ed Foreman, then age 35, of Las Cruces defeated incumbent Democrat E.S. "Johnny" Walker of Silver City and Albuquerque, who had held one of the state's two at-large U.S. House seats since 1965. Foreman had served a single term representing U.S. House District 16 in El Paso, Texas, 1963-65. In both Las Cruces and El Paso, Foreman defeated an incumbent Democrat and lost after a single term, becoming the only person to win and lose two U.S. House seats in two different states in the 20th century.

- 1970: State Sen. Harold Runnels, then 44, a Lovington Democrat, defeated Foreman and held the seat for almost 10 years.

- 1980: Runnels was re-nominated but died of cancer in August. The Democrats chose David King, nephew of then-Gov. Bruce King, to replace Runnels on the November ballot. The state Republican Party had not nominated anyone to face Runnels and was barred by New Mexico's attorney general and a federal judge from naming anyone to the ballot

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after Runnels' death.

- Republican Joe Skeen, then 53, a former state senator and state Republican Party chair who had lost narrowly in two gubernatorial races, beat King as a write-in candidate. Skeen, a Picocho rancher, is one of 11 U.S. House members and three U.S. senators elected by write-in since 1918. He held the House seat for 22 years before retiring. At one time, Skeen was chair of the U.S. House appropriations subcommittees on Agriculture and the Interior, making him a member of the "College of Cardinals," the powerful chairs of the House's 13 appropriations subcommittees.

- 2002: Former state



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

U.S. Rep.-elect Xochitl Torres Small and her husband, state Rep. Nathan Small, D-Doña Ana, at the Doña Ana County Democratic Party's election-night watch party at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Rep. Steve Pearce, then age 55, who owned and operated an oilfield services company in Hobbs, defeated four others to win the Republican nomi-

nation for the House seat. State Sen. John Arthur Smith of Deming defeated former Las Cruces Mayor Ruben Smith in the Democratic primary. Pearce

won the general election by more than 13 percentage points and held the seat until 2008 when he ran for the U.S. Senate, losing to Democrat Tom

Udall.

- 2008: Hobbs oil company executive Harry Teague, then 60, became the first Democrat to win the district in 30 years, defeating K-Bobs restaurant chain owner Ed Tinsley, a Capitan Republican, by 12 percentage points.

- 2010: Pearce won the seat back, defeating incumbent Teague by almost 11 percentage points. Pearce was re-elected in 2012 (59 percent), 2014 (64 percent) and 2016 (63 percent). He did not seek re-election in 2018, instead running for governor.

The Second District is the largest in the United States that does not include an entire state. It contains 15 of New Mexico's 33 counties in their entirety and parts of Bernalillo, McKinley, Roosevelt and Valencia

counties.

The district has about 376,000 voters, comprising 30 percent of the state's registered voters, compared to 35 percent for each of New Mexico's two other congressional districts.

About 40 percent are registered Democrat, 36 percent Republican, 1 percent Libertarian and 23 percent "other" or who decline to state a party preference.

The district had a population of 703,727 in 2015 according to the U.S. Census Bureau, with 53.8 percent Hispanic, 37 percent Anglo, 5 percent Native American, 2 percent African-American, .74 percent Asian and 1.2 percent mixed race. The median age is 36.6 years.

Mike Cook may be reached at mike@lascrucesebulletin.com.

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Tuba player Larry Cline of the Rio Brass Quintet performs with his bandmates.



From left, La Casa Bazaar volunteers Sheila Kienzle and Anne Grant sell cookies.

La Casa Holiday Bazaar

The 2018 La Casa Holiday Bazaar was held Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The event is a fundraiser to benefit La Casa Inc., a nonprofit domestic violence shelter with locations in Las Cruces and Anthony. La Casa is also collecting unwrapped holiday gifts for males and females ranging from infant to adult at its main office located at 800 S. Walnut in Las Cruces or its satellite office at 325 First St. in Anthony. Call 575-526-2819 for details.

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IN THE NEWS

Blood drive

Each holiday season, United Blood Services sees its blood reserves fall to critical levels. They are partnering with Doña Ana County to conduct a blood drive on Friday, Dec. 7, in the main rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.,

The drive takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with appointment slots available every 20 minutes.

To make an appointment for a screening and donation, call Janine Divyak at the Doña Ana County Planning Department at 575-525-6130. Giving blood normally takes less than an hour.

All materials used in the donation process are sterile and disposable. Donors cannot contract any blood-borne disease by giving blood. All donated blood is typed to determine the A-B-O group and the Rh factor and then tested for safety, including a test for the HIV virus. Tainted blood is not distributed. Most units of accepted blood are separated into several components, allowing one donation to help several people.

Drink plenty of fluids prior to donating. Wear clothing with short sleeves or with sleeves that can easily be rolled up above the elbow. Bring a photo ID and a list of medications you are taking.

Alternate routes

As road construction on Valley Drive and Avenida de Mesilla continues, the City of Las Cruces encourages residents to use alternate routes to access businesses in the work zone.

Multiple side streets

that run parallel to Valley Drive intersect with main thoroughfares leading to businesses, almost completely bypassing the work zone.

“Streets such as Compress Road, Calle del Encanto, or Calle del Sol intersect with Brown Road or Avenida de Mesilla and provide easier access to businesses on Valley Drive,” said David Maestas, Public Works director. “Although we are not encouraging through traffic to utilize residential roads, there are definitely many alternative streets that will get you where you want to go.”

GPS apps on smartphones are one way to find side streets, or patrons can call the business directly for directions. The city has also supplemented the business access signs on Valley Drive with wayfinding signs on major streets.

Theft prevention

Las Cruces Police remind drivers who warm up their vehicles to refrain from leaving them unattended for an extended period.

With cool morning temperatures, many drivers start their vehicles remotely, or with a key, and leave them running. That makes those vehicles

vulnerable to theft. A vehicle left running and unattended can be stolen in a matter of seconds.

Most modern vehicles require only a few seconds to warm up prior to driving. Most people who warm their vehicles for extended periods do so simply to warm the cabin, not for the good of the vehicle.

Many automobile owners also carry keys to their home, business or other vehicles on the same keychain, meaning stolen keys could give a thief access to other properties. And some people leave garage door remote openers in their vehicle which, if stolen, could give the perpetrator easy access to the garage and residence.

Tips from LCPD:

- Refrain from leaving vehicles running and unattended.
- Do not leave children or pets in a vehicle.
- Do not leave vehicle running, unattended and with children inside it.
- Do not leave garage door remote openers in open view inside vehicles.
- Remove or conceal personal property such as purses, bags and electronics.
- Close and lock windows and doors when leaving.

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Businesses recognized



PHOTO COURTESY DAVID CURTISS/SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION GADSDEN CHAPTER

U.S. Army Capt. Don Williams (ret.), left, of the Sons of the American Revolution Gadsden Chapter in Las Cruces presents a SAR flag recognition certificate to Angel and Lettie Quezada of Discount Self Storage, 5395 Bataan Memorial West in Las Cruces. The presentation was made Nov. 6 to the management teams of three local businesses for “exemplary patriotism in the display of the flag of the United States of America,” said SAR Gadsden Chapter President David Curtiss. The other businesses were Uno Pizzeria and the Veterans Administration Community Based Outpatient Clinic.

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BLM, Forest Service offering Christmas tree permits

BULLETIN REPORT

Christmas tree permits for national forest areas are available for personal use and generally limited to one tree per household. Tree cutting is limited to specific areas and to specific tree species. Generally, trees may not exceed 10 feet in height.

Fourth graders with an "Every Kid in a Park" pass may receive one free Christmas tree permit while supplies last by presenting their valid Fourth Grade pass. Visit www.everykidinapark.gov for instructions on obtaining

a fourth-grade pass. Christmas tree permits are available at most Forest Service offices, including those in Cloudcroft and Ruidoso. Call ahead to verify the local office offers permits and still has them available. For the Gila National Forest, 575-388-8201; for the Lincoln, 575-434-7200.

Bureau of Land Management offices in Las Cruces, Albuquerque, Socorro, Taos, Farmington and Santa Fe are also selling Christmas tree permits. The permits will be sold until Dec. 23 and cost \$5. For a list of BLM office locations and contact

information, visit www.blm.gov/contact/new-mexico.

Maps can be obtained when purchasing the permit at your local BLM office, and will show tree hunters where lands open to tree cutting are located. Permits are for sale on many parcels of public lands in the state. When transporting a tree taken from BLM public land, the permit must be attached to the tree.

For more information about Christmas tree permits, contact acting BLM Forester Mark Coca at 505-954-2190, or your local BLM office.

NEWS

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ing vehicles unattended.

- Immediately report suspicious persons or activity in your neighborhood.

Visibility ride

The next Share the Road Las Cruces Visibility Ride is Monday, Dec. 10.

The ride begins at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St., and ends at Starbucks on the corner of University and Espina at about 7:40 am. Gathering time at the museum is 7:05 a.m., departure is at 7:15 sharp.

Sponsor Velo Cruces asks that all bicyclists wear helmets and follow the rules of the road.

The Share the Road Visibility Ride every second Monday helps build awareness that bicyclists and motorists can share

the road safely and that commuting to work on a bicycle is a viable transportation choice, according to a press release. The ride is a real-life, real-time demonstration of how bicyclists can ride with traffic safely. It's led by League of American Bicyclists Certified Instructors.

Commuting by bicycle has multiple benefits, according to the release, including saving money, fighting pollution and gaining exercise.

Online alternative

An alternative way to earn college credentials at Doña Ana Community College (DACC) is through online programs.

According to a DACC press release, online programs allow students to "attend" and participate in online classes as their schedule allows. It aids those who work or have other commitments that make face-to-face attendance difficult or even impossible.

For information visit dacc.nmsu.edu/online-programs.

Academy visit

The Las Cruces Academy, at 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla, invites the public to visit the school on Thursday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to meet with the head of the school, Dr. Lou Ellen Kay, observe students in classes and at play, and talk with teachers.

LCA is a private school serving academically advanced or motivated students. Classes are small, teachers provide a stimulating, supportive environment, according to a press release.

Current openings are for grades 3-8; there is a wait list for grades early K

through 2. More information is at lascrucesacademy.org or by calling Lou Ellen Kay at 575-521-9384.

Leadership nominations

Leadership New Mexico is accepting nominations for its 2019 Distinguished Leadership and Distinguished Alumnus Awards. Award recipients will be honored at the 2019 Annual Dinner on Friday, May 10, 2019 at Sandia Resort & Casino.

Registration forms for sponsorship opportunities and dinner tickets are available online at www.leadershipnm.org/annual-dinner-golf-tournament or by calling 505-398-1500.

Established in 2003, the two awards seek to recognize individuals with demonstrated exceptional leadership that has resulted in a significant positive impact on the economy and quality of life at the local and state level. The recipient must have demonstrated dynamic leadership in multiple settings and have achieved extraordinary success in the goals he or she has set out to accomplish," according to a press release.

The Distinguished Leadership Award is open to all resident New Mexico leaders, but nominations for either award must be made by a Leadership New Mexico graduate.

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Cataleya Vasquez, 2, hangs with Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association President Emeritus Clayton "Sandman" Kuehn during a delivery of goods for children at Jardin de los Niños Friday, Nov. 30.

The New Mexico Grand Chapter of the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association met at the Jardin de los Niños, 999 W Amador Ave., to deliver children's clothes and hygiene products for the children. The staff at Jardin had provided a list to the Widows Sons outlining the things they needed, so the Master Masons and their families and friends from across the region raised the funds to purchase all the items on the list.

Jardin staff characterized the Widows Sons as their "Padrinos" and "Madrinas." The organization hopes to expand their care for homeless children and children in need to Deming, Alamogordo and other locales in the state where the Freemasons have established chapters of Widows Sons Masons.

Items on the Jardin de los Niños list include diapers, baby wipes, clothes and hygiene products such as toothbrushes and toothpaste. They can be reached at 575-522-2111.

Further information about the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association of New Mexico is available from Grand Chapter President Dave Mullins at biker-moon2@yahoo.com, or from Dr. Paul Deason at deasonp@gmail.com, 575-644-8427.

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LAS CRUCES UTILITIES

NMSU students view water system's inner workings



COURTESY PHOTOS

Pascual Rodriguez, water production supervisor, guides NMSU Engineering students through the water well workings inside an LCU pump house.

By **CASSIE MCCLURE**
and **SUZANNE MICHAELS**

For the Bulletin

The sun is setting, but New Mexico State University (NMSU) engineering students learn that the need for water flowing to customers continues through the night. For those students, a trip to Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) demonstrates clearly that the water system must be up and running 24-hours a day, and in case of a utility emergency, emergency response must be available all hours of the day and night.

This collaboration between NMSU and LCU allows students of the

professor Zohrab Samani, Ph.D., P.E., to get a working understanding of what they learn in their senior-level course Hydraulic and Hydrologic System Design.

Professor Samani explains, "This is the relationship I want them to see, that water design is not just engineering, it's also the business of utilities and how that interacts with the local economy. These students have a role in building that with their skills."

Water Administrator Adrienne L. Widmer, P.E., explained to the class that there is never a dull moment, and that many people will never get the chance to actually see the responsibili-

ties water section staff carry out 24-hours a day. Standing outside Well 59B, the students, along with Widmer and Pascual Rodriguez, water production supervisor, discuss the mechanics of the well, as well as how involved LCU is when new roads are constructed. New roads require new underground utilities, so that the expensive pavement is not at risk of being dug up to replace a leaking or failed water line.

"We get to see the entire process in action," said senior Luis Gracia. "It's an exciting experience to see how everything in the city works together."

Back indoors, the class watches a live feed of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. SCADA constantly monitors the status of all utilities buildings, wells, water tanks and booster stations, which manage the water pressure between areas in the city – as well as gas and sewer facilities. All the utilities systems continue to be watched over when the class leaves into the night; LCU employees are on call 24/7 to make sure that utilities in Las Cruces are always ready and available.

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'West Wingers'



Stephanie Valencia, a 2000 graduate of Oñate High School, returned to her alma mater Monday, Dec. 3, to talk to students about her career in public service, including her years working in the White House under President Obama. Valencia and several other Obama staffers have written a book, "West Wingers," about their experiences. Valencia's chapter, called "Fiery Latinas," chronicles the nomination and selection of Sonia Sotomayor, the first Latina Supreme Court justice. Valencia read from her book and answered questions from the students.

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Cocktail hour



BULLETIN PHOTO BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Ed Krause of The Ranchers Steak and Seafood Restaurant, in Ruidoso, survived the second round of the New Mexico Bartenders Competition with his smoke rosemary and pineapple martini. Rhiannon Harden of Azul in Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces was the overall winner and Jessica O'Brien of the Sister Bar in Albuquerque took second place in the competition held Dec. 1 at Hacienda and at La Posta de Mesilla, the first time it has been held in the Las Cruces area. Krause eventually placed third.

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J. Paul Taylor Academy students move to install playground

BULLETIN REPORT

Students at J. Paul Taylor Academy took action Friday, Nov. 30, to bring playground equipment to their schoolyard.

Through a Move-a-thon fundraiser, they fought wind and rain for as long as they could to stand up for their pledges.

The school's classes rotated through a variety of movement stations, including yoga, Zumba, martial arts instruction and track. To boost the fundraiser's success, the school's foundation, J. Paul Taylor Academy Foundation, offered to match every dollar raised from the school's Move-a-thon event, up to \$10,000.

Local businesses also played a role in the event. Downtown Desert Yoga, Blue Dragon Dojo, and



J. Paul Taylor Academy students stretch as they prepare to participate in the Move-a-thon fundraiser.

Zumba instructor Betty Nietubyc helped the students at the various stations.

This is the school's third year to hold the event at its location in the Court Youth Center,



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Move-a-thon participants jump rope in cold conditions.

near Alameda Boulevard and Picacho Avenue. During that time the K-8 public charter school has gained momentum toward turning its dirt lot into a playground for PE and recess.

The initial phases of work – concrete for basketball courts, a four-square, a running track and landscaping – have

paved the way for the final step: playground equipment and shade structures.

“Thanks to all the hard work, donations and perseverance of our stakeholders, our students, staff, and community now have access to a beautiful playground area,” said Christy Takacs, the school's

executive director. “We are forever grateful to all those who have gotten us this far and are looking forward to what we can accomplish through our Move-a-thon to complete the project.”

For information on donating to the JPTA playground, contact jpta-foundation@jpaultayloracademy.org.

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Christmas by candlelight

More than 6,000 luminarias greeted visitors to New Mexico State University – here on the International Mall – Sunday night, Dec. 2, for the 34th annual Noche de Luminarias.

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North Pole passengers

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus decided to forgo their reindeer-powered sleigh on the Las Cruces stop of their worldwide tour this year and take the train, instead. Conveniently, the locomotive pulled into the Las Cruces Railroad Museum Saturday afternoon, Dec. 1, to the delight of young and old, alike.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

From left, Santa's helpers Trinity Marshal, Katelin Carlsen and Kara Closson get excited for the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Santa and Mrs. Claus make their entrance.



Volunteer and retired train engineer Bill Lloyd throws down a decoration from Santa's train.



Santa is greeted upon arrival at the station.

Ag company receives investment through Arrowhead Center

By **LAUREN GOLDSTEIN**

For the Bulletin

Cliff Hudson, chief technology officer of Systems Technology Solutions, is no stranger to agriculture. Hudson grew up on his family's farm and regularly rode a tractor with his grandfather while he cultivated corn. He has a deep appreciation for farming and community. His company recently secured a \$20,000 investment for GreenAI, an innovative sensor technology for crop analytics, through the AgSprint business accelerator program at New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center.

STS developed GreenAI in response to an ongoing agricultural challenge of a person or organization being data rich and information poor. They collect large amounts of data, but the data is not timely, actionable or ready to be implemented in the field. GreenAI brings value to the data that people and organizations are already collecting.

"Everything is connected, including agriculture," said Hudson, an electrical engineer. "We live in a systems network world, like it or not. We have to think and design from a systems standpoint – where does your data go, where are you collecting data from and what do you do with it once you have it? I really see that technologies are not singular for a farm. They are community-based, because we can collect data and develop better trends for an entire farming community rather than just a single farming operation."

Hudson's team includes managing director Deborah Hudson, chief engineer Gary Bullock and software engineer Ziad Arafat.

As part of deploying the company's minimum viable product, GreenAI needed to identify willing customers that could participate in an iterative design process with the team. The team turned to Arrowhead Center at NMSU, which supports innovators and entrepreneurs at all stages. The team participated in AgSprint, a business accelerator program designed grow agtech startups. Through the program, the team worked to identify which customers would support the team in the next design phase.

"When you're an early-stage company, that engagement with the customer is so important," Hudson said. "We call it customer-centric design process, engaging the customer to fully understand

their needs. AgSprint gave us that essential influence and technical approach. The program's curriculum was incredibly beneficial. We continue to use it, even past the end of the cohort."

AgSprint curriculum is based on National Science Foundation I-Corps curriculum and focuses on mentoring and supporting teams as they move through the customer discovery process, with the goal of commercialization, or taking a technology to the marketplace. AgSprint's business mentors come from Arrowhead's network of Enterprise Advisors and are part of a rich web of available resources to entrepreneurs – the Arrowhead Innovation Network.

"The mentorship experience base at Arrowhead you just can't get anywhere, and they are focused on the teams and supporting and nurturing them through the

process," Hudson said. "Tough love, too. They give you honest feedback, we could not have accessed that team of advisors anywhere else."

The \$20,000 investment in GreenAI, sponsored by Arrowhead's industry partner New Mexico Gas Company, will open additional doors for STS by accelerating the placement of their minimum viable product in the field.

"Our beachhead market is corn, and working heavily in Indiana with corn farmers is our first market opportunity. With the deployment next year with the planting season, we need to be ready with that first capability and so the investment gives us the needed support for materials and resources. We're cloud-based so we have Amazon Web Services, and we'll be bringing two more software engineers onboard, so the investment will also help us out from the labor

standpoint," Hudson said.

Another asset Hudson appreciates is the access to NMSU talent. The team has several students from the NMSU College of Engineering working with and interning for GreenAI, with whom they were connected by Arrowhead Center.

"The way Arrowhead has been placed and integrated in NMSU, it is that pathway for future

entrepreneurs," Hudson said. "It's really vital from a community standpoint, honestly. We need a reason for our kids to stay here in New Mexico. Toward this, Arrowhead and NMSU together support programs like AgSprint that are essential to the future of our state."

Lauren Goldstein may be reached at 575-646-5069, poet@ad.nmsu.edu.



PHOTO COURTESY NMSU

Cliff Hudson (left), chief technology officer of Systems Technology Solutions, recently secured a \$20,000 investment for GreenAI, an innovative sensor technology for crop analytics, through the AgSprint business accelerator program at New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center. The check was presented to Hudson at the second annual AgAssembly conference in Las Cruces. At right is Del Mackey, program specialist at Arrowhead Center.



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Capital Improvements Advisory Committee Members Sought

The City of Las Cruces is currently accepting applications for an opening on the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee that serves in accordance with the Las Cruces Development Impact Fee Ordinance.

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They review the capital improvements plan that identifies capital improvements or facility expansion, for which impact fees may be assessed, file written comments, and monitor and evaluate implementation of the capital improvements plan.

The committee also files annual reports with respect to the progress of the capital improvements plan and report to the City through the City Manager any perceived inequities in implementing the plan or imposing impact fees. It also advises the City of the need to update or revise the land use assumptions, capital improvements plan, impact fees, and advises the City regarding growth management strategies.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

At the regular meeting of the South Central Solid Waste Authority held November 15, 2018, the Board has by Resolution 2018-19 adopted the following policy regarding public meetings and meeting times for 2019 until further notice.

1. Resolution 2018-19 establishes the Open Public Meetings Policy; and

2. The following is hereby determined to be reasonable notice for any public meetings of the South Central Solid Waste Authority for the 2019 calendar year.

TYPE OF MEETING Regular Meetings Work Session

The issuance and posting of an agenda three (3) working days prior to the meeting. The agenda to be made available to the news media through the City's Public Information Office and pos-

ted on bulletin boards located in the Dona Ana County Government Building, City Hall, Joint Utilities and Transfer Station facility.

Special Meetings

The issuance and posting of an agenda one (1) calendar day (24 hours) prior to the meeting. The agenda to be made available to the news media through the City's Public Information Office and posted on bulletin boards located in the Dona Ana County Government Building, City Hall, Joint Utilities and Transfer Station facility.

Emergency Meetings

The issuance and posting of an agenda three (3) hours prior to the meeting. The agenda will be posted on bulletin boards located in the Dona Ana County Government Building, City Hall, Joint Utilities and Transfer Station facility and as many of the news media notified as possible.

The regular meetings of the South Central Solid Waste Authority will be held quarterly on the third Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Transfer Station, 2865 W. Amador Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Date: 12/07, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.: D-307-CV-2017-03017

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DE- VISEES AND LEGATEES OF ENRIQUE M. LOPEZ AKA HENRY M. LOPEZ, DECEASED; DAVID V. NUNEZ; TERRY S. ENRIQUEZ; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A.; HARVEST CREDIT MANAGEMENT VII, LLC, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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A 0.69 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND BEING A PORTION OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-79A1A2, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A FOUND IRON ROD ON THE WEST R-O-W LINE OF THE A.T. & S.F. RAILROAD FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, WHENCE THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-79A1A2 BEARS THE FOLLOWING COURSE AND DISTANCE: N 23 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 39 SECONDS W, A DISTANCE OF 218.22 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING ALONG THE AFOREMENTIONED R-O-W LINE S 23 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 39 SECONDS W, 87.79 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE LEAVING THE AFOREMENTIONED R-O-W LINE S 62 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 08 SECONDS W W, 240.21 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S 64 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 09 SECONDS W, 90.32 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON PIPE ALONG THE EAST R-O-W LINE OF SAN YSIDRO ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE AFOREMENTIONED R-O-W LINE N 21 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 37 SECONDS W, 96.06 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A SET IRON ROD; THENCE LEAVING THE AFOREMENTIONED R-O-W LINE N 64 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 39 SECONDS E, 326.06 FEET TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.69 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING

SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUCH AS MAY EXIST ON THE GROUND. DONOHUE LAND SURVEYS DATED DECEMBER 16, 2008 JOB NO. 156-54.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on December 20, 2018, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on October 4, 2018 in the total amount of \$83,998.00 with interest at the rate of 4.000% per annum from July 1, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. NATIONSTAR Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert Doyle
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV-2018-2506
Marci E. Beyer

IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION OF
CAREY SILVA
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Carey Silva, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Carey Silva to Phillip Cary Silva, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge on the 3rd day of January, 2019, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Phillip C. Silva
Phillip C. Silva
2910 Camino Castillo
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-571-0890

Dates: 11/30, 12/07, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 18-0231

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF RUE-
LINE FRANCES DEVEN-
PORT,
a/k/a RUELINE F. DE-
VENPORT, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CRED-
ITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KAREN D. WAGONER has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims

within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: September 24,
2018.

KAREN D. WAGONER 43
Coors Road
Vado, New Mexico 88072

Prepared by:
ALAN D. GLUTH
New Mexico Bar #14980
Gluth Law, LLC
2455 East Missouri, Suite A
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88001
Telephone: (575) 556-8449
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Dates: 12/07, 12/14, 12/21
2018

NOTICE is hereby given that on August 14, 2018, Sandra Carolyn Bourgeois, J.J. Ulmer Jr., and Emily Ulmer Perry, 4915 Snow Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-03225-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-03225, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-03225-POD3 to a depth of 320 ft., with a 16 in. casing, to be located within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 33, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 0' 34.41" N, 106° 38' 17.32" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, and by discontinuing the use of well LRG-03225-POD2, located within the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 33, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 0' 33.24" N, 106° 38' 25.84" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provision contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 38.26 acres of land, owned

by the applicant, located within the N 1/2 of projected Section 33, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM) and the S 1/2 of projected Section 28, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM), as described by S u b f i l e N o . LRS-28-014-0149 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The proposed site of well LRG-03225-POD3 is located west of Anthony, NM and is approximately 0.73 miles north of the intersection of Washington Street and Waterfront Street. Old well LRG-03225-POD2 will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 12/07, 12/14, 12/21,
2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2018-02652
Judge: Marci Beyer

In The Matter of a Petition
For Change of Name of:

MILTON J. GARDNER

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 40-8-1 through Sec. 40-8-3 NMSA 1978, the Petitioner, Milton J. Gardner, will apply to the Honorable Marci Beyer, District Judge of the Third Judicial District at the Dona Ana County Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, the 24th day of January, 2019 for an Order for Change of Name from Milton J. Gardner to Milton Jay Gardner.

Submitted By:
ROGGOW LAW, LLC
By: s/ James A. Roggow

James A. Roggow
205 W. Boutz Rd., Bldg. 2,
Suite C
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575) 526-2448
(575) 524-0160 Fax
Attorney for Petitioner

Dates: 12/07, 12/14, 2018

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the transfer of location of Inter-Local Dispenser Liquor License No. 2756 to Carpe Diem, Inc. d/b/a Rad Retrocade, to be located at 201 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the Director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance of the license.

Witness my hand and seal this 29 day of November 2018.

s/Linda Lewis, CMC, City
Clerk

Dates: 12/07, 12/14, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV-2018-1992
MANUEL I. ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ANTONIO CARLOS LO- PEZ BACA FOR CHANGE OF NAME

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Antonio Carlos Lopez Baca, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Antonio Carlos Lopez Baca to Anthony Charles Baca, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel Arrieta, District Judge on the 24th day of January, 2019, at the hour of 9:15 a.m. at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Antonio Carlos Lopez
Baca
Antonio Carlos Lopez Baca
1032 La Plata Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88007
303-895-9691

Dates: 11/30, 12/07, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO.D-307-CV-2018-02420
JUDGE ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NORMA ARAGON

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NORMA ARAGON, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition for Name Change in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Norma Aragon to Norma Aragon Camilliere, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge on the 24th day of January, 2019, at the hour of 9:15 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM.

Respectfully submitted,

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s/ J. Marcos Perales-Piña
J. Marcos Perales-Piña
Attorney for Petitioner
NM State Bar #25873
1127 E. Idaho Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575-523-0144 Tel.
575-523-0177 Fax

Dates: 12/07, 12/14, 2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2018-00117
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
STEVEN E. DOWNHAM,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CRED-
ITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed the Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: November 6, 2018

s/ Amy L. McNulty
Amy L. McNulty, Personal
Representative of the
Estate of Steven E. Down-
ham, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMIT-
TED BY:
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
PO Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(575) 524-0833
holmespa@zianet.com

s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 11/30, 12/07, 12/14,
2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-00344

NATIONSTAR MORT-
GAGE LLC D/B/A
CHAMPION MORT-

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GAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

EDAH FAYE BENGE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF WILBUR B. BENGE, DECEASED; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A.; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1960 Chilton Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 15 IN BLOCK NUMBERED N OF COLLEGE HEIGHTS, BLOCK M AND PART OF N AND R, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID COLLEGE HEIGHTS, BLOCK M AND PART OF N AND R, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1956 IN PLAT BOOK 7, FOLIO 76. The real property is also described as follows: LOT FIFTEEN (15), BLOCK N, COLLEGE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES ACCORDING TO A PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on January 3, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on October 4, 2018 in the total amount of \$128,250.36 with interest at

the rate of 3.329% per annum from August 31, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. NATIONSTAR Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Cause No.
D-307-PB-2018-00111
Judge: Manuel I. Arrieta

In the Matter of the Estate of Nancy J. Mackey, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION IN FORMAL TESTACY PROCEEDING

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: All unknown persons who have an

interest in the above estate:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Heather Mackey has filed with the above-named Court a Petition for Determination of Heirship, Formal Probate of Will, and Appointment of Personal Representative, which petition requests a judgment approving the Last Will and Testament of the Decedent and admitting said will to probate and for an order appointing Heather Mackey as personal representative and for the determination of the heirs and devisees of said Decedent. A hearing will be held on said petition on the 25th day of January, 2019 at 11:00 AM, in the Dona Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, New Mexico, before The Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge.

The attorney for the applicant is William L. Lutz of the law firm of Martin & Lutz, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88001.

DATED this 15th day of November, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by:
MARTIN & LUTZ, P.C.
By /s/ William L. Lutz
William L. Lutz for Applicant
P.O. Drawer 1837
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575-526-2449
575-526-0946 (F)

Dates: 11/23, 11/30, 12/07, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

No. D-307-PB-2018-00112
Hon. Arrieta, Manuel I.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VICTOR LESLIE PLUMB, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed co-personal representatives of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned co-personal representatives at the addresses listed below, or filed with the District Court of Doña

Las Cruces Bulletin

Ana, County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Dated: November 29th, 2018.

/s/ Jason Plumb
Jason Plumb
18 Westland Ave.
Westhartford, CT 06107
860-840-4188

/s/ Ryan Plumb
Ryan Plumb
4650 Twin Peaks Court
Loveland, CO 80537
970-290-9659

SUBMITTED:
ESTRADA LAW, P.C.
By: /s/ Michele Ungvarsky, Esq.
1340 Picacho Hills Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575.556-2462
Attorneys for the Estate of Victor Leslie Plumb, deceased.

Dates: 12/07, 12/14, 12/21, 2018

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Cause No.:
D-307-CV-2017-02562

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF WAYNE A. BAILLIE, DECEASED; TINA M. BAILLIE; REBECCA BAILLIE; ALLISON BAILLIE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1226 Lewis Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 12 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 2 OF SUNRISE TERRACE AD-

DITION, PHASE II, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION, PHASE II, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 29, 1978 PLAT BOOK 12, FOLIO 170-172.

The Property is also described as follows: ALL OF LOT NUMBERED TWELVE (12), IN BLOCK NUMBERED TWO (2), OF SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION, PHASE II, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 29, 1978.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on January 3, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on October 12, 2018 in the total amount of \$157,045.34 with interest at the rate of 2.5600% per annum from April 1, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. NATIONSTAR Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concern-

ing the property, if any.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Cause No.:
D-307-CV-2017-02701

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff,

vs.

FREDDIE SANCHEZ; ANNA RIOS F/K/A ANNA SANCHEZ; NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5575 Patagonia Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 4 IN BLOCK E OF DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JULY 26, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 714-717.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the

street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on January 17, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 10, 2018 in the total amount of \$124,574.85 with interest at the rate of 4.75% per annum from November 8, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

No. 18-0269

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA MAXIE EIC-HORN, DECEASED

NOTICE TO KNOWN CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of the mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: Nov. 15, 2018

/s/ Cheryl Lee Eichorn
Cheryl Lee Eichorn
2466 El Dorado Ct.
Las Cruces, NM 88011
575-993-1944

Dates: 11/23, 11/30, 12/07, 2018

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ALAN JAMES "JIM" PETERSON

ALAN JAMES "JIM" PETERSON, age 66, formerly of Las Cruces, passed away in

Edgewood, NM on November 17, 2018. Burial will take place in Salt Lake City, UT.

Entrusted to the care of riversidefuneralhome.com in Albuquerque.

**ELLEN CAROL HESS**

ELLEN CAROL HESS 1/5/1953 - 11/23/2018 Ellen passed peacefully in Phoenix, Arizona on November 23, 2018 after suffering a stroke in late October in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Ellen was born in Evanston, Illinois and spent her early years in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Ellen also lived in Southern California, Pennsylvania and last resided in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Ellen attended the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign studying early childhood education. Ellen worked in data entry and accounting.

Ellen loved her family and was so happy being with her grandchildren. Ellen loved to travel, she

travelled the entire U S, Canada, Europe, Japan and Peru.

Ellen attended and served at Calvary Chapel Three Crosses. Ellen served in children's ministry, senior visitation and outreach.

Ellen travelled to Peru on missions' trips ministering to abandoned children and children in orphanages. Ellen also supported homeless children via Eastern European Outreach International.

Ellen was preceded in death by her father Walter Fill, mother AlDonna and sisters Diane, Eva.

Ellen is survived by her husband Tim, son Timmy, daughter Carolyn, daughter-in-law Erika, granddaughter Rayann and grandsons Liam, Jacob and Andrew. Ellen is also survived by her brother Charles Fill.

A memorial will be held for Ellen on her birthday January 5, 2018 at 11am at Calvary Chapel Three Crosses in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

GRACE GARCIA

GRACE GARCIA, age 64, of Las Cruces passed away, November 30, 2018. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

MARK ALLEN SOLMEN

MARK ALLEN SOLMEN, age 60, of Las Cruces passed away Monday, November 26, 2018. Ser-

vices are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

DAVID NORTHERN

DAVID NORTHERN, age 47, of Las Cruces passed away Tuesday, November 20, 2018. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

JAMES A HERCHAK

JAMES A HERCHAK, age 63, of Las Cruces passed away Sunday, November 25, 2018. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

ALDONSO ARMENDARIZ ENRIQUEZ

ALDONSO ARMENDARIZ ENRIQUEZ, age 69, of Las Cruces passed away Wednesday, November 28, 2018. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

FRANK ROSENCRANTZ GONZALEZ,

FRANK ROSENCRANTZ GONZALEZ, age 89, of Las Cruces passed away Thursday, November 29, 2018. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

THIMBERLY SUE MARTINEZ

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MARTINEZ, age 50, of Radium Springs passed away Wednesday, November 28, 2018. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

VIRGINIA M. SPARKS

VIRGINIA M. SPARKS, age 84, of Deming passed away Friday, November 23, 2018. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

BILLY JOE BURKS

BILLY JOE BURKS, age 73, of Tucumcari passed away Tuesday, November 20, 2018. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

JAMES L. WILLIAMS

JAMES L. WILLIAMS, age 72, of Las Cruces Tuesday, November 20, 2018. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

DR. WILLIAM "BILL" REX WEBBER

DR. WILLIAM "BILL" REX WEBBER, Ph. D., age 89, of Las Cruces passed away Wednesday, November 28, 2018. Cremation will take place and no services are scheduled at this time. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

SAMUEL "SAMMY" LOPEZ CHAVEZ

SAMUEL "SAMMY" LOPEZ CHAVEZ, 73, passed from this life on November 24, 2018. Sammy was born December 5, 1944 in Las Cruces to Guadalupe and Julian Chavez.

Survivors include his wife, Josie M. Chavez; son, Samuel James Chavez; daughters, Laurie Renee Mullan, and Cheryl Mayers Lombardi; as well as his four grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was held Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Inurnment of cremains will followed at St. Joseph Cemetery where he was laid to rest.

The Chavez Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

ERIC WALLIS

ERIC WALLIS, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 15, 2018. Eric was born in Des Moines, Iowa on March 29, 1979.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Wallis, his parents, Lynn and Ruth Wallis; aunts, uncles and cousins across the country; his grandmother, Reva Wallis as well as numerous friends, near and far.

At his request cremation has taken place and no services are sched-

uled at this time.

The Wallis Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

GILBERTO "GILVA" ROMAN ECHAVARRIA

GILBERTO "GILVA" ROMAN ECHAVARRIA, age 89, passed away Sunday, November 18, 2018 in Fresno CA. Gilva as he was known to his family and friends was born to Jesus and Juana Roman Echavarría on February 4, 1929 in Rincon NM. He retired as a maintenance worker from the City of Huntington Park, California.

Gilberto is survived by his children; Jenny Serna, Avis and Frances Echavarría, Linda Sanchez, Pearl Echavarría Sifuentes and Ena Flores. Other survivors include twenty-two grandchildren; twenty four great grandchildren; four great great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

A Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, November 30, 2018 at Baca's Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at the Rincon Cemetery in Rincon, NM where he was laid to rest.

The Echavarría Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.



The monthly Downtown Arts Ramble expanded this year to include galleries in the Mesquite Historic District.



BULLETIN FILE PHOTOS

Nothing captures the spirit of the historic district better than the annual Zoot Suit Pachanga at Klein Park, which will be reprised as a "mini car show" at the winter fiesta.

Yesterday on view

Mesquite Historic District opens its doors to a new winter fiesta

BULLETIN REPORT

Numerous businesses in the historic Mesquite Street District are spearheading a winter event that includes shopping, culture, arts and food.

The Mesquite District Business Association (MDBA) and the Mesquite Historic Preservation Society (MHPS) are sponsoring "Mesquite District Fiesta: Shopping, Music, Food" from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

The two organizations, based in the original townsite of Las Cruces and the newly designated Las Cruces Arts and Cultural District, are collaborating to create a yearly event that highlights the diversity of

businesses in the historic area while integrating the holiday season and the city's cultural heritage.

"We want people throughout the area to become aware what we have in the Mesquite District – the shops, the services, the restaurants, the galleries, all in an area with a unique history and culture," said Catherine Smith Brenner, owner of the Unsettled Gallery on Mesquite Street.

Some 15 businesses, from galleries to auto shops, are participating.

"We want to support small businesses and shopping locally," Padma Valdevit, owner of Rethink Real Estate, said. "The Mesquite District is full of small businesses, some that have been

here for decades. MDBA is working in tandem with MHPS in the neighborhood on this event to share ideas and energy and learn from each other."

Patricia Gallegos, an MDBA founder, said, "The overall goal of the business association is to keep the Mesquite Street Neighborhood a healthy, attractive, safe, innovative and vibrant community interconnected with art and culture, and an economically sound neighborhood where people want to live, work, and play."

The importance of the neighborhood's cultural heritage and preservation is highlighted by the activities organized by MHPS.

"Since we are the organizers of the yearly [Zoot Suit]

Pachanga car show and fiesta held at Klein Park, we are creating a mini car show at one of the businesses," said Bob Schunior, president of the historic preservation organization.

"We will have a number of classic cars and a DJ to add to the festive environment. We are also working with Frontier Adventures to offer history tours via a horse-drawn carriage that will be available throughout the afternoon. While on the ride, neighborhood residents will point out interesting historical facts about families and buildings that date back to the late 1800s."

Other activities include an appearance by Santa Claus, a performance by the New World Drummers

at 2 p.m. at the corner of Court Avenue and Mesquite Street, a multi-geocaching event via cell phones, artist pop-ups at multiple sites and discounts at some businesses.

A free shuttle will be available throughout the event organized by Southwest Expeditions.

For a history tour at San Jose Cemetery, meet at 12:45 p.m. at Klein Park on Mesquite Street. The cemetery is the resting home for many pioneer families who settled Las Cruces.

Business participating in the fiesta are Camino Tattoo Studio & Art Gallery, Casa Camino Real Bookstore and Gallery, Dominic Vigil Agency, Eyeconik Records and Apparel, Greenspace

Gallery, Gifts and Learning; La Nueva Casita Restaurant, Las Cruces Art Association, Mesquite Art Gallery, New Dimension Artworks and Daughter of the Prairie, Nopalitos Restaurant and Nopalitos Galeria, Rethink Real Estate, Real INX, Twisted Wrenches and Unsettled Gallery. Each business will have flyers with a map, event information and a fiesta floral wreath displayed indicating their participation.

Sponsors include Casita Camino Airbnb, Court Youth Center and Beck's Roasting House and Creamery.

See Mesquite District Business Association Facebook page for up-to-date information.

'Mary Poppins': enchanting as ever

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

REVIEW

If you want to get a seat for Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of "Mary Poppins" the musical – and you will kick yourself if you don't – make your reservations right away. Director Janet Beatty-Payne told me at the Nov. 26 dress rehearsal that more than half the tickets for the 12-show run have been sold. It opened Nov. 30 and continues through Dec. 16.

LCCT, 313 N. Main St., has a brand-new sound and microphone system in place.

This is a wonderful show filled with outstanding performances, wonderful actors and magical surprises. A couple of my favorites were Mary Poppins' bottomless carpet bag (you won't believe the hat stand!) and the talking dog.

The Walt Disney 1964 "Mary Poppins" movie is probably my favorite motion picture of all time. I have loved the characters of Mary Poppins and Bert the chimney sweep for more than 50 years, along with the two who played them, Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke (who turns 93 on Dec. 13, the last Friday performance of the LCCT show).

I am delighted that LCCT's Mary Poppins (Francesca Perez-Wright) and Bert (Brandon Brown) deliver the same enchantment and charm as the originals, as do Tara Gandy and Carter Chamberlain as Jane and Michael Banks. Singing, dancing and acting, this is

a foursome that individually and collectively you wish would never leave the stage.

A strong supporting cast includes Miguel Cruz as George Banks, Mary Poppins' author P.L. Travers' version of Scrooge, and Christa Fredrickson as his long-suffering but joyous wife, Winifred.

I especially enjoyed the ensemble "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious," which may be the most ambitious choreography I've ever seen on the LCCT stage. The tap dancing throughout the show is also fabulous.

I also must single out Bianca Castro's outstanding performance as the Bird Woman. Her performance of "Feed the Birds" gave me chills.

The only problem I had with the show was trying not to sing along. Apparently, that's frowned on, even in rehearsals.

Among actors deserving of credit are Suzanne Staley, Anastasya Griffith, Timothy Wilbur, Jessie Ortega, Gale Fulte, Doug Abbott, Payton Matthews, Joel Fisk, Mai Ayon, Piper Gandy, Mia Berkson, Tatiana Garzon, Bryan Berard, Isaac Morales, Jada Bryant, Nicole Ritter, Gwynavere Griffith, Zoe Ayon, Eva Cullen and Sadie Tellez.

And special kudos to Beatty-Payne as director, choreographer and costumer; Tara Gandy and Carter Chamberlain as Jane and Michael Banks. Singing, dancing and acting, this is



PHOTO COURTESY MARK BOUDREAU/LCCT

Francesca Perez-Wright as Mary Poppins, Tara Gandy as Jane Banks and Carter Chamberlain as Michael Banks, in Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of "Mary Poppins" the musical.

and the fabulous onstage musicians, Mark Klett and Brian Theodorson.

Music and lyrics are by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman, with additional music and lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe. Script is by Julian Fellowes.

Remaining performances of "Mary Poppins" are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 6 and 13; Fridays-Saturdays, Dec. 7-8 and

14-15; and 2 p.m. matinees Sundays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16 and Saturday, Dec. 15. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 senior citizens, students and military; \$11 each for groups of 10 or more; and \$10 for children under age 12.

Call 575-523-1200 and visit www.lcctnm.org.

Mike Cook may be reached at mike@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Fountain Theatre
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<p style="text-align: center;">December 7-13 Wildlife</p> <p>A teenage boy must deal with his mother's complicated responses after his father temporarily abandons them to take a firefighting job. Starring Ed Oxenbould, Carey Mulligan & Jake Gyllenhaal. (OC)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December 14-20 Colette</p> <p>Colette is pushed by her husband to write novels under his name. Upon their success, she fights to make her talents known, challenging gender norms. Starring Keira Knightley and Dominic West. (OC)</p>
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Nightly 7:30, Saturday matinee 1:30, Sunday matinee 2:30.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAT DECEMBER 1 • 8:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

SUN DECEMBER 2 • 2:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Feliz Navidad - Christmas Song and Dance

TUE+THU DECEMBER 4+6 • 4:00 P.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Teen Game Night

WED DECEMBER 5 • 10:30 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Family Science

FRI NOVEMBER 30 • 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
KRWG Benefit - Jim Shearer and the Second Line Survivors

FRI DECEMBER 7 • 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Horacio Franco - Musician

SAT DECEMBER 8 • 5:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
The Polar Bear Express

SUN DECEMBER 9 • 3:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Mesilla Valley Chorale

FRI DECEMBER 14 • 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
The Game's Afoot - \$10

SAT DECEMBER 15 • 2:00+7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
The Game's Afoot - \$10

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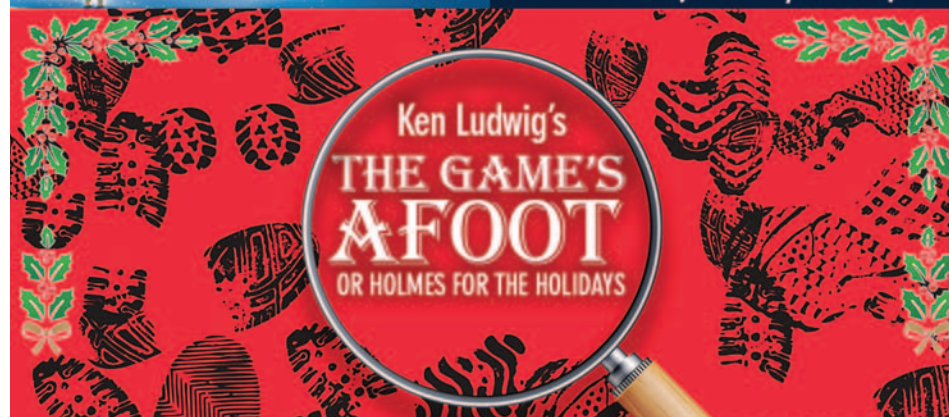
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La Maldita Union



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Juan Mujica on lead vocals and guitar (lower right) and Buddy AkIn on lead guitar and backing vocals (lower left) form the Las Cruces Latin-rock-fusion duo La Maldita Union, performing at Amaro Winery on South Mendres Street Friday, Nov. 23.

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Concert Band

Sunday, December 9
3:00PM
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BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces Chamber Ballet, in conjunction with Michele's Dance Academy, again presents "The Nutcracker Ballet" plus Michele's Christmas Spectacular.

Performances are Dec. 14-16 at Atkinson Music Recital Hall on the NMSU campus.

Performing the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy is Audrey Pelayo, alumna of the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet. Aly Bower is the Snow Queen guiding Clara (Caelee Jimerson) and the Nutcracker Prince (Luke Smith) through floating snowflakes.

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Bob Diven is an irreverent Santa Claus and Tiffany Hohle and Jerney Edmonson return with rousing hip hop numbers. Other notables are Neaveah Holguin as the

Ballerina Doll, Chaley Cartwright and Katie Jackson as Raggedy Ann and Andy, and Jordan Rivera as Clara's unruly younger brother.

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Whimsy and grace are the hallmarks of "The Nutcracker Ballet."

COURTESY PHOTOS

'You just gotta do it'

Las Cruces author turns 'free time' into award-winning novel

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

"I'll try writing a book," New Mexico State University biochemistry professor Carol Potenza, Ph.D., told herself after she switched from doing mostly research to teaching a few years ago and found she had a lot more free time.

Potenza submitted her third completed but unpublished manuscript, "Hearts of the Missing," for consideration in the 2017 Tony Hillerman Prize competition. She won, beating out 75 other entrees to be recognized as the author of the best first-time mystery set in New Mexico or one

If you go

WHAT: Las Cruces author Carol Potenza book signings of her new mystery novel, "Hearts of the Missing"

WHEN: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6; Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.; 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 15, COAS Bookstore, 317 N. Main St. downtown.

of seven other Western states.

Prize sponsors St. Martin's Press and Western Writers of America are rather particular about the books they select as

winners. Despite hundreds of entries, only eight authors, including Potenza, have been honored since the first prize was awarded in 2007.

The prize carries a \$10,000 payment and a book-publishing contract.

Potenza received the first hardback copy of her book in late November. It went on sale Tuesday, Dec. 4, and Potenza has scheduled two December book signings in Las Cruces.

The book is available at COAS Books and Barnes & Noble and on amazon.com. Online and audio versions are also available.

Potenza's protagonist is Sgt. Nicky Matthews, a pueblo police officer investigating a suicide at the fictional Fire Sky Pueblo in northern New Mexico. Matthews finds that "something is missing" from the victim's body, Potenza said. With help from close friends

who are pueblo members, she finds herself on the trail of a serial killer, learning about Native American legends and rituals along the way and relying on supernatural guidance, including visions and "true ghost stories."

One of Potenza's goals in writing the book, she said, was to "introduce readers to pueblo culture and history," just as author Tony Hillerman did with his tribal police series of novels featuring the characters of Lt. Joe Leaphorn and Sgt. Jim Chee.

Potenza has a strong family connection to New Mexico pueblos through her husband of 30 years, (medical) Dr. Leos Flores, and his four siblings, who are one-third Native American.

A sister-in-law who is a nurse with extensive experience assisting in the harvesting of human organs was also



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Portrait of author Tony Hillerman, from the Tony Hillerman Photograph Collection.

a great help in writing the book, Potenza said, complementing research Potenza conducted during visits to pueblos, Chaco Canyon, El Morro National Monument and other communities and cultural sites across northern New Mexico.

Flores was also partly the inspiration for her fictional pueblo conservation officer, Frank Martin.

"Be careful what you say," Potenza warned family members. "It may wind up in my book."

She also relied on two members of Laguna Pueblo, 45 miles west of Albuquerque, as beta readers to make sure her manuscript was culturally sensitive and accurate.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK
Las Cruces author and NMSU biochemistry professor Dr. Carol Potenza with the very first hardback copy of her Tony Hillerman Prize-winning mystery novel, "Hearts of the Missing."

The book has been well received, Potenza said, not only in the West, but as far away as New York City, where the Mysterious Bookshop, which bills itself as "the oldest mystery specialist book store in America," is featuring "Hearts of the Missing" as its First Mystery Club (books with "the potential for rapid value appreciation") for December 2018.

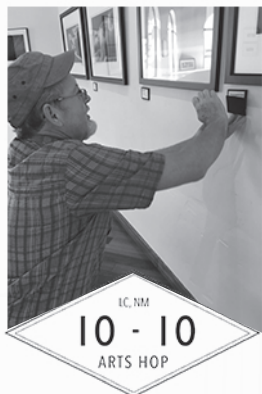
Potenza hopes her first novel spawns a Nicky Matthews series. She already has a second book, titled "Stone Warrior," finished, is working on a third and plans a fourth.

Potenza's advice to

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Except from “Hearts of the Missing”

The set-up: Sgt. Nicky Matthews has been processing a break-in at a remote mini-mart when something interrupts her.

Her hand dropped to her sidearm and Nicky jerked her head around. An old native woman stared at her through the glass.

No. Not through the glass. In the glass.

The old woman’s face was in the glass.

Their eyes met, and every nerve in Nicky’s body stretched taut. The woman’s pupils glowed black, glittering and alive, stark points embedded with a deeply wrinkled face. An ancient disembodied face.

Nicky knew she was supposed to look away--had been told in no uncertain terms by her traditional friends on the rez--but she couldn’t move. She was transfixed.

The sun flashed over the horizon, blinding her.

But not before the woman smiled and turned away. Her long white hair whipped in the light--and she was gone.

Nicky yanked out her gun, hit the front door of the mini-mart hard, and ran outside into the bright-

ness of dawn, skidding on the broken glass. The same scraping sound that had alerted her only a few minutes before grated along her skin.

A flash of white raced away and her arms swung up, the muzzle of her sidearm tracking a rabbit as it zigged and zagged out of the parking lot, across the road, and into the grass next to a trampled dirt path. She caught another movement out of the corner of her eye and her head swiveled to the dog. It cringed and shivered as it stared after the rabbit, before it backed up and loped away through the brush, tail tight between its legs.

Nicky’s flesh crawled with goose bumps. Heart thudding, she pointed her weapon to the ground, clutching its diamond patterned grip so tightly it cut deep into the skin of her palm.

Dammit, dammit, dammit!

Scowling, she slammed her weapon back into its holster.

The old woman was back.

That meant life was about to get complicated – and a lot more dangerous.

a son, Marcus Flores, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in musical arts (he’s an award-winning trumpet player) at North Texas University; and a daughter, Laura Flores, who is pursuing an MD Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Both have undergraduate degrees from NMSU.

Hillerman (1925-2008) was born in Oklahoma and moved to Albuquerque in 1966. His 30 books include 18 in the *Leaphorn/Chee* series.

DO IT

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other potential writers: “You gotta do it.”

“Lightning can strike,” she said. But, “you’re not going to get anything if you don’t submit (to publishers). Bite the bullet and do it,” she advised. “It doesn’t hurt at all. It is so worth it. I had a ton of fun writing this book.”

Potenza and her husband have two children,

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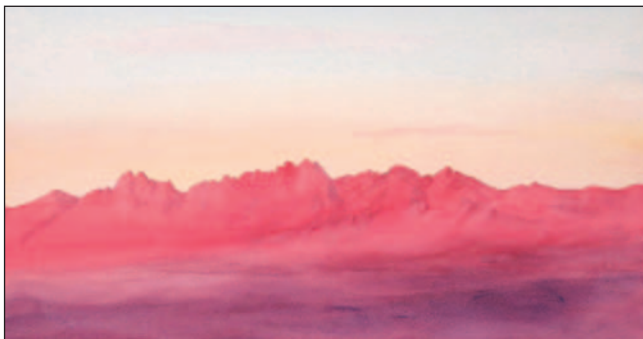
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ABOVE: John Schooley, "Cowcrop"

RIGHT: Penny Duncklee, "Sailor's Delight"



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• Debra Vance, 2200 W. Union Ave.; 970-405-5784

Everybody shows up for the holidays in 'Life and Beth'

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

"Ho, ho, ho" may turn into "Oh, no, no!" in Alan Ayckbourn's "Life and Beth," a most unusual holiday play that opens Friday, Dec. 7, at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

Beth, a recent widow, is trying to get through

the Christmas holidays and her son, Martin, and sister-in-law, Connie, want to help. But Martin has a new girlfriend, the very quiet Ella, Connie drinks a bit too much and Beth's cat is missing. Add David, a local vicar who may have a thing for Beth and stops by to see how she's doing and offers up a prayer on her behalf.

It's apparently heard by Beth's late husband, Gordon, because he shows up, too, bringing a list of improvements to be made.

The cast includes Nancy Sorrells as Beth, Nicole Jones as Connie, Joshua Taulbee at David, Luz Resendez as Martin, Jazmin Buchman-Martinez as Ella and Scott Brocato as Gordon.

"This has been a fun production and a bit of a challenge, but that's what I like about this show," said the play's director, Autumnn Gieb. "Alan Ayckbourn is a fascinating dramatist and can write some extremely witty dialogue with the right amount of humor and seriousness.

"The play is labeled as a dramatic comedy, and it does have that balance and it's not a farce. Families gathering for any holiday bring out some of the best and worst in people. 'Life and Beth' definitely shows the humorous side of holiday gathering. It speaks to the people who may not be in to your typical saccharin-sweet holiday offerings, but still has a message of finding your voice and own identity.



PHOTO COURTESY PETER HERMAN/BLACK BOX THEATRE

From left, Nancy Sorrells, Luz Resendez and Jazmin Buchman-Martinez.

"The actors have had a good time finding the balance between comedy and when you need to be serious, carving out their characters here and there. I think audiences will be pleased with our holiday offering from across the pond" (the play

premiered in England in 2008).

Performances are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 16 and 23 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20.

Tickets are \$10/15. Visit www.tktassistant.com, or call 575-523-1223.



ABOVE: Left to right, Constance Hasapopoulos, Heather Hosford, Jason Wyatt, Cassi Galban and Erin Wendorf

RIGHT: Heather Hosford and Jeff Dolocek

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Elementary, my dear Watson!

Doña Ana Repertory Theatre's (DART) production of playwright Ken Ludwig's award-winning holiday murder mystery farce, "The Game's Afoot; or Holmes for the Holidays" runs Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14-15 at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Performances are 7 o'clock both nights, plus a 2 p.m. matinee Saturday. The theatre will open one hour before the curtain rises, and tickets will be available at the door or online at www.eventbrite.com/e/the-games-afoot-tickets. Call 575-541-2290.

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'Wildlife': A well-told story in the land of the wind

By **JEFF BERG**
For the Bulletin

The only other time that a Richard Ford novel has come to the screen was in 1990, when "Bright Angel," filmed mostly in my old home state of Montana, was released.

It wasn't terribly good, but I liked it well enough that I remembered it when it came time to review "Wildlife," also based on a Ford novel and set in Montana.

Sam Shepard, an on-and-off New Mexico resident, starred in "Bright Angel," while this features a morose Jake Gyllenhaal and a great performance by Carey Mulligan.

But most of the credit for this picture's success should go to young Ed Oxenbould, who stars as the gentle and sensitive son of Jake and Carey in 1960.

It is a familiar tale,

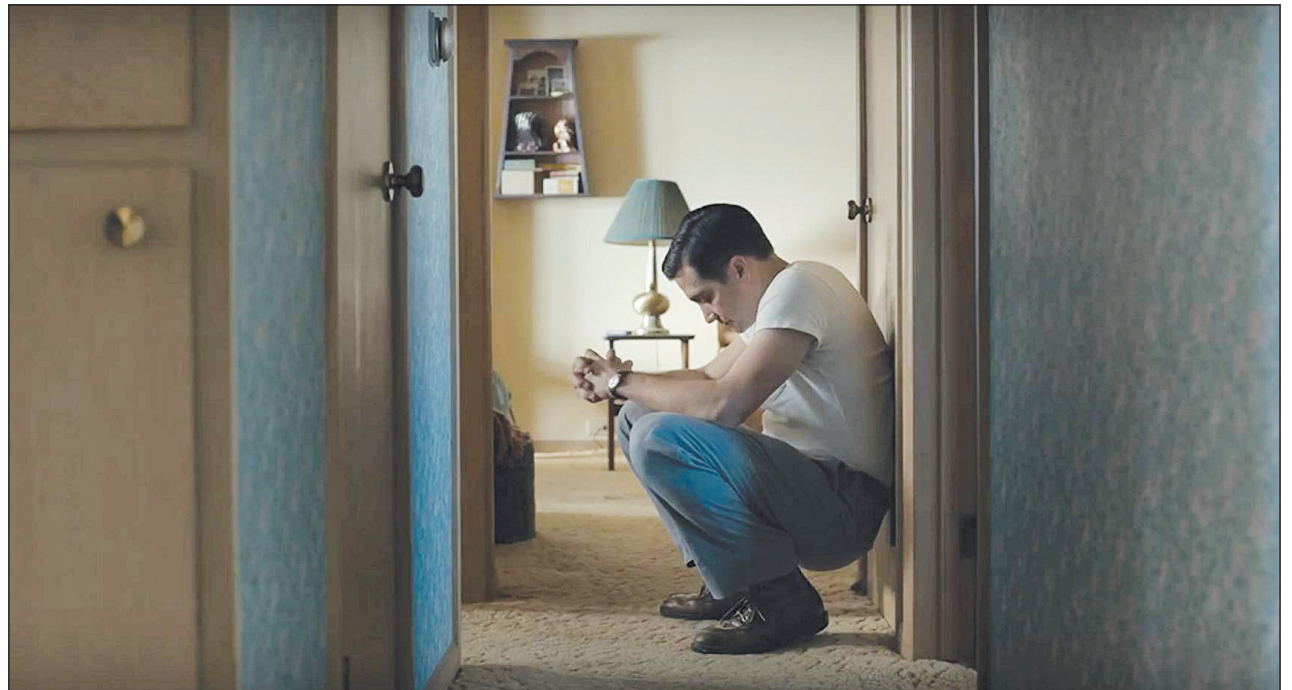
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Opens Dec 7 at the luxurious Fountain Theatre in Mesilla, for a week run.

but the acting outweighs the often-heavy, slow pace and the meandering story.

Joe has just arrived in Livingston, Montana, with his long-suffering mom, Jeanette, and his wandering, hopeful and sometimes off-center father, Jerry. Gyllenhaal's character seems mundane and cliched, but perhaps that is the intent.

In the start of the film, Jerry loses his job at a golf course because he is too friendly with the patrons. Stuck for work, he hires on with a crew battling forest fires, a seasonal event in Montana. He will be gone for weeks fighting the blazes, which is just about all Jeanette needs



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Jerry (Jake Gyllenhaal) is a rather morose fellow.

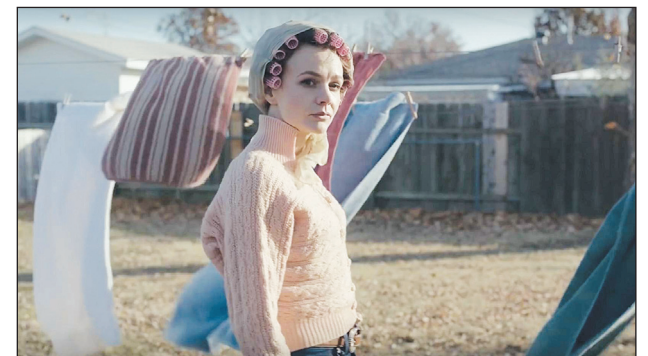
to begin pondering a different way of life.

First-time director Paul Dano, who co-wrote the adaptation with his partner Zoe Kazan, does an admirable job by focusing the story on Joe's relationship with his mom. Mom speaks openly about her concerns, which include the fear that Jerry will be drawn to adultery, and the fact that the couple's own sexual intimacy is

rather lacking.

In a way, this allows Jeanette to be more assertive and confident, as she starts to feel that Jerry has abandoned his family and that she is trapped in a crummy marriage.

Oxenbould as the somewhat reflexive Joe acts out impulsively at times, but he is a master at hiding his anxiety and fear. Soon, Jeanette is dating, sort of, a local gent, who doesn't have



Jeanette (Carey Mulligan) has a new look on her old life when Jerry is off fighting wildfires.

the financial issues that plague her marriage. It starts off rather passively, but as sex enters the picture, things change somewhat.


Jeanette's new look on life also has her becoming more aggressive in meeting her own needs.

While Jake is subdued, Mulligan is electric. Dano effectively showcases Jeanette's fears and sexual desires, especially considering that this is 1960, and

women remain stuck in roles. This is well captured as Jeanette seeks work in small-town Livingston, home of the wind.

Wildlife isn't about any kind of wildlife, but it is a tricky tale, well told, if slow.

Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at ned-ludd76@hotmail.com.



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• 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7: Downtown Art Ramble, an evening display of holiday lights, music and specially decorated trains.

• 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8: Santa Claus makes his appearance.

NM Vintage Wines: 2461 Calle de Principal, Mesilla; 575- 523-9463, nmvintagewines.com

Friday, Dec. 7: Chris Baker, country.

Saturday, Dec. 8: Rio Grande Bluegrass Band, traditional bluegrass

Sunday, Dec. 9: A. Billi Free, DJ & beat maker

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Downtown: 317 N. Main St.

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Dec. 15 -Gloria Hacker Solano: 1101 S. Solano Dr.

Dec. 8- Jean Gilbert
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Book Signing: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Rd. A new murder mystery by Kent F. Jacobs, "Hopi Tea." Info: 575-541-0658.

All About Engines: 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Ages: 7-17. No registration, free. Info: 575-522-3120, las-cruces.org

Dickens Tea and Fashion Show: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado, in Mesilla's Bulletin Plaza. \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12. Info: www.daarts.org or 575-523-6403.

Crafts for Kids: 10 - 1 p.m. Saturdays, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Children of all ages are welcome to come to the Museum and create their own craft to take home. Free with regular admission (\$5 for

adults, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for children 4-17). Info: 575-522-4100, www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org

• **Dec. 8:** Graham cracker pueblos.
• **Dec. 15:** Paper poinsettias.

Rio Grande Theatre: December events, 211 N. Main St. Tickets available at the box office Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., online at riograndetheatre.org, or at the door. Info: 575-523-6403.

• **Dec. 7:** First Friday Art Ramble, Textures of New Mexico, by Artists of Picacho Hills. 5-8 p.m. Free.

• **Dec. 7:** Horacio Franco: 7 p.m. Free. Artist with more than 25 recordings in Mexico, Europe and Israel. Presented by the Mexican Consulate of El Paso and the City of Las Cruces.

• **Dec. 8:** The Polar Express, 4 p.m. Inspiring adventure based on the beloved children's book by Chris Van Allsburg. Admission \$1.

• **Dec. 9:** Ring Those Bells: 2 p.m., The Mesilla Valley Chorale, directed by Nancy Ritchey. Admission \$1.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

'Our December Desert'

The New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter hosts a watercolor exhibit at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 Main St. The works will be for sale during the First Friday Arts Ramble, 5-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7.

'Across the Board'

Through Dec. 21

The art of current and emeritus DAAC board members on display at the DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, 1740-B Calle de Mercado. Opening reception 4-7 p.m. Dec. 8 during the Second Saturday 10-10 Arts Hop.

Paula Voris

Through Dec. 29

"A Visionary of our Time - Past and Present," featuring landscapes, still lifes, portraits, period historical paintings, animals, birds and florals. Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road.

Laurie Churchill, Steve Klinger, Paul Vakselis & Carol Wortner

Through Dec. 29

Whimsical animal portraits, mermaids, Organ Mountains landscapes and more. Greenspace Gallery and Gifts, 517 N. Mesquite St. Reception 5-8 p.m. Dec. 7. Regular hours Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Info: 575- 551-6778 or greenspacegallery@gmail.com.

'A New Start'

Through Dec. 30

Nopalito Galeria presents: the artwork of John Dick-Peddie & Arnold Puentes, a homage not only to the fertile valley and various locales of Doña Ana County but

also to the fertile beginnings of indigenous/cultural myths, stories, and images. 5-8 p.m. Dec. 7. First Friday Art Ramble. Artists Reception: 4- 8 p.m. Dec. 8.

World War I exhibit

Through Jan. 5, 2019

Featuring Las Cruces history enthusiast's World War I memorabilia collection thematically organized by participatory countries. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

'Birds in Art'

Through Jan. 12, 2019

Traveling exhibit from the Lee Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, Wisconsin, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Info: las-cruces.org/museums, 575-541-2137.

'Four Generations, Four Languages'

Through Jan. 19, 2019

Exhibit by four artists in Mexico whose works highlight generational influences seen in art-making approaches. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

'Passing Through'

Through Feb. 2, 2019

Artist Jimin Lee transforms photo-based images of industrial landscapes, miniature sets, and other loci otherwise ignored, into central subjects through a series of techniques that incorporate technology and craft. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.



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PUZZLES

PUNCH LINES

ACROSS

1 Fistfight "souvenir"
 7 Fish groups
 14 Yasir of the Middle East
 20 Actress Mumford
 21 Fine-meshed nylon cap
 22 Go to the polls again
 23 Certain room decor adhesive
 25 Gives a heads-up
 26 Baseball's "Georgia Peach"
 27 Hindu mystic
 29 Mobster's gun
 30 Spot's sound
 33 Ending for plug or play
 34 It may be worn under a tennis shoe
 38 Hitchcock film of 1940
 41 Cliches
 42 Trickster of Norse myth
 43 Ramones' debut single
 45 In the -- of (during)
 46 "-- So Shy" (1980 hit)
 47 Bluish-black sour fruit
 48 Check casher, say
 51 -- boom
 54 Hurt
 55 Slimy pest in a flower bed
 60 Does some needlework
 62 Penniless people
 64 Pop singer Turner
 65 Fracas

66 Lead-in to mo or pitch
 67 Blackjack call that's apt for this puzzle's theme?
 68 "-- the ramparts ..."
 70 Roker and Pacino
 71 Nevada city
 73 Trouser lines
 75 Hand-held seizing tool
 77 Sleeve feature with a link
 79 Transaction in
 71-Across
 80 Wants badly, with "for"
 81 Eddie -- (clothing chain)
 82 Above
 84 Luau bowlful
 85 End in -- (go unresolved)
 88 Innate sense of time
 94 Pieces of pizza?
 95 Actor Tatum
 98 Acorn maker
 99 Solar system component
 101 He cried "I pity the fool!"
 102 Little guy
 103 Luau accessory
 104 Perfect thing
 105 Small river craft
 108 Messing up
 110 Ability to influence a campaign, perhaps
 117 Loath (to)
 118 Not in time
 119 Come out
 120 One hunting
 121 Appalachian

range

122 Get canines

DOWN

1 Handful of
 2 Imitating
 3 "My mama done -- me ..."
 4 Buoyant tune
 5 Kids' guessing game
 6 Tail-fanning birds
 7 Brand of cat food
 8 Low- -- meal
 9 In vogue
 10 Man-mouse middle
 11 Put- -- (hoaxes)
 12 Disclose accidentally
 13 Plastered
 14 Pal of Athos and Porthos
 15 Antique
 16 "-- Maria"
 17 Permanently
 18 Tears into
 19 Aid in self-diagnosis
 24 Like icecaps
 28 Eroded
 30 Hedge fund whiz
 31 Roman Cath., e.g.
 32 DOJ agcy.
 34 Jason's ship of myth
 35 "It wasn't meant --"
 36 Managed care gp.
 37 Most furtive
 39 Set of values
 40 Brno natives
 41 Tolling thing
 44 Sister and wife of Osiris

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45 Guys

48 Lead-in to 52-

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49 Clever

50 "Pro" replies

51 Neck wrap

52 Get via Amazon,

e.g.

53 Not a single person

54 Pronto

55 Supporters of

canines

56 Oafish sort

57 Fibbing sorts

58 Not aflame

59 Breathes in

quickly

61 Yale of Yale Uni-

versity

62 Singer Edith

63 It spits out bills,

briefly

67 Pajama-clad mag

founder

69 Latch again, as a

door

72 Like some safe

runners

74 South, in Spanish

75 -- diagram (math

image)

76 Remorse

78 Raven sound

79 Tennis champ

Bjoern

82 Electric co., e.g.

83 Bottled (up)

84 Blood part

85 Funnel-shaped

flowers

86 Merit

87 Career completer

88 Flowering

89 Hanoi-to-Beijing

dir.

90 Major vessel

91 Moon, e.g.

92 Co. leader

93 B minor, e.g.

95 Coot

96 Go in haste

97 Makes fit

100 Light wash

101 Middle Ages

weapons

105 Nosh

106 Highest point

107 "--'s Gold"

(Peter Fonda film)

109 Bug a lot

111 Brit's john

112 Sort

113 Mai --

114 Leftover bit

115 "Blech!"

116 Informal shirt

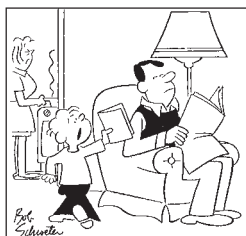
PUZZLES

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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SCRAMBLERS



"Mom says to show my report card to you — she's already got a _____."

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Berate
STEANCH

Concern
GRADER

Courier
DRAHLE

Argue
TEABED

TODAY'S WORD

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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

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Clue: A equals Y

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 APBN, LMEUV AME LPUU ODPO
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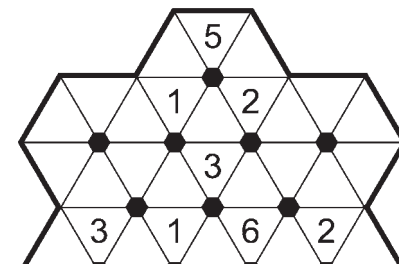
SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

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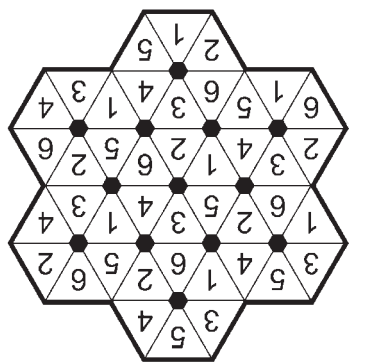
If someone makes a dish of carrots, radishes and yams, could you call that root cocktail?

CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Word
 3. Herald; 4. Debate
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SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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SUPER CROSSWORD

Hemp touted as a potentially lucrative industry

BY MICHAEL SCANLON

For the Bulletin

New Mexico farmers will have a promising new cash crop to consider in 2019, now that the state has finalized rules to cover the cultivation of a long-banned plant.

"I love growing hemp," said New Mexico farmer Jill Browning, who bought farmland four years ago in Colorado to get started in the hemp business. "Hemp is just a phenomenal plant. It provides so much opportunity."

Browning, who lives in Santa Fe and has a farm at Estancia, is chairwoman of the New Mexico Hemp Association. She noted a large and growing commercial market for CBD oil, with its potential health benefits. Overall, sales of industrial hemp products are expected to double in the next three years.

Strict federal regulations have stymied the growing of hemp, a genetic relative of marijuana, in the United States since 1970. But as states began to legalize marijuana for medical -- and even recreational -- purposes, Congress passed a measure in the



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MICHAEL SCANLON

New Mexico Agriculture Secretary Jeff Witte speaks at a news conference on Thursday, Nov. 29, at New Mexico State University as NMSU Board of Regents Chairwoman Debra Hicks and university President John Floros look on.

2014 federal Farm Bill allowing states to regulate the cultivation of hemp. Colorado was the first state to liberalize marijuana laws, which opened the door for Browning and others to plant the crop there.

In 2017, the New Mexico Legislature passed a bill, which took effect last summer, calling on the state Department of Agriculture to establish a set of rules for growing hemp. The New Mexico State University Board of Regents approved the rules on Nov. 29, and the state expects to begin issuing licenses to prospective hemp-growers by early next year.

"Industrial hemp is not new to New Mexico," said state Agriculture Secretary Jeff Witte. "In fact, we grew it back in the (19)20s and '30s. But it's a band new opportunity, and we've got a lot of farmers and processors out there that are excited about the opportunities."

"The potential upside is tremendous," Witte said, adding that other states already have hemp programs. "The return with some of the varieties are \$10,000 per acre. In New Mexico we haven't done it in a long time, but this ... can be a viable crop."

Officials said it's too early to estimate the economic impact of the crop

in Doña Ana County elsewhere in New Mexico because the state has yet to begin issuing licenses and there are many variables.

The new rules establish licensing requirements, set caps on fees, and spell out inspection, sampling and testing requirements. If a sample of hemp is found to contain more than 0.3 percent of the psychoactive agent THC, it will be destroyed (visit www.nmda.nmsu.edu).

NMSU President John Floros said the university is in a unique position to support New Mexico farmers, "not only to grow the right varieties in the right place, but also to support an industry that will grow beyond just growing hemp, an industry that will take the raw material and transform that into final products, from industrial products, to cosmetics to food to pharmaceuticals -- you name it."

He said the university can help hemp growers address agronomic issues, create new varieties, and help with chemistry, engineering, biology and marketing.

"We are prepared to put a Center of Excellence together to support our farmers," Floros said.

University Chancellor Dan Arvizu said those endeavors are a natural fit for NMSU.

"One of the things we are very, very focused on is how our university system can actually encourage economic development," Arvizu said. "One of the ideas we had, based on the competencies and capabilities that we have, is to look very carefully at how we reduce the risk to investment in our communities and bring investors who can see a way to get a valuable return on their investment."

"It is a partnership between the state, the university, the business community, farmers, so that we can bring them a full suite of competencies and capabilities to reduce the risk to their investment. So, a Center of Excellence for New Mexico State plays a role as a catalyst."

The legislation that paved the way for the new crop passed the state Legislature in 2017 but was vetoed without explanation by Gov. Susana Martinez. Last spring, the state Supreme Court found the veto improper because Martinez did not explain the reason for it,

and allowed the measure, along with other vetoed bills, to take effect.

With that ruling, the state Agriculture Department promptly began developing rules.

NMSU Regents Chairwoman Debra Hicks said the department will play a key role as hemp farming gets underway.

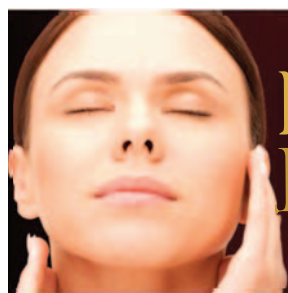
"The Department of Agriculture also will have the laboratories available to test the hemp to make sure that it complies with regulations," Hicks said.

"This is an economic driver for New Mexico. We have adjacent states that have already incorporated hemp, but ... we are in a prime position when we have the Center for Research Excellence, we have the Department of Agriculture, we have our farmers and our growers who are already here."

Hemp, like marijuana, is a member of the cannabis sativa family. The plants are similar in appearance, but, unlike marijuana, hemp contains negligible amounts of the psychoactive compound tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC.

Browning said the

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HEMP

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plant's oil and fiber have many potential commercial uses, and her Colorado operation has been profitable.

"To monetize hemp right now, the main way to do that is to grow it for the CDB oil," Browning said. "It is an expensive business to get started with. So, we started off slow and we built up. We started with just a couple of acres, then 20 acres, then 40 acres, and this year 70 acres.

"There's been industry reports that the market for CDB will not be satisfied for at least 10 years. here is definitely a market for the CDB. I think relatively quickly, there'll be markets for other hemp products."

She said there are three

different kinds of hemp plants. Grain plants are primarily grown for the seeds, which have a variety of uses; CDB plants for oil; and fiber plants.

"Our plants, once we extract the extract the leaf material and the bud material, we can use the stems for things like making hemp pellets for your fireplace. If you have a pellet stove it burns hotter and burns with less ash."

A crop takes about four-and-a-half months to mature. Browning hopes to grow about 200 acres of hemp in New Mexico next spring.

"When you grow hemp, genetics matter, your farmer matters, your nutrients matter, weather conditions matter," she said. "Anybody can grow a plant with anywhere from 2 percent CBD to 16-17 percent CDB and keep the THC level at or

below .3. You sell by the percentage of CDB. Right now, the going rate for Grade A hemp is \$3 to \$5 per percent. That's \$50 per pound.

"At the beginning of planting season, we hope for 1,000 pounds per acre. Sometimes it's more, sometimes it's less.

"What I see here in New Mexico is an opportunity for people who aren't going to be farmers that are going to be on the science side of this or the innovation side and start applying new techniques and come up with something great. And it's going to be from New Mexico. I think there's just a lot of potential here."

Justin Bannister contributed to this report. Michael Scanlon is a freelance reporter who can be reached at mscanlon999@gmail.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Century Bank

Century Bank announces the addition of Manny Hernandez as



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a commercial lender and vice president for its Las Cruces Office. Hernandez has 19 years of banking experience, including 14 years in commercial lending. He is a graduate of North Dakota State University with a degree in Business Administration and Finance.

He also holds an MBA from the University of Maryland.

Hernandez may be reached at the Las Cruces Office, 141 S. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite 101, or by calling 575-521-2403.

Citizens Bank

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who will continue to serve on the executive management team and board of directors.

Fanning has been part of the executive

management team since he joined Citizens Bank in 2015. He's been on the Board of Directors since 2017. He brings 34 years of banking experience to the position.

"We would like to sincerely thank George for his 10 years of dedicated service to Citizens Bank and certainly his 45 years of service to the banking industry," said Tom Hutchinson, chairman of the Board of Directors for Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, in a press release.

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A sure sign of faith rests behind the doors at 'First Pres'

By **DONNA CURTISS**

For the Bulletin

Amidst all the unrest in our nation, one of the hottest topics is the U.S. border with Mexico. In stark contrast to the border turmoil and only 48 miles from Ciudad Juárez there exists a diverse, multi-cultural group of people who live and worship peacefully together.

The people are members of the First Presbyterian Church, which was established in Las Cruces in March 1883, before New Mexico became a state in 1912.

The congregants today at First Pres are a heterogeneous mix of nationalities drawn



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First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces, 200 E. Boutz Road.

from New Mexico State University, the urban neighborhood as well as

the ranches and farms of Mesilla Valley. Liberals and conservatives come

together in a fellowship where everyone is appreciated and his or her opinion valued. The pastor encourages a healthy respect for differing opinions and perspectives that make the body of Christ more faithful.

The man God prepared to lead this diverse population is the Reverend Dr. Norm Story, the 30th pastor of the church. Pastor Norm was 40 years old when he was ordained, and his previous life experiences are one reason congregants believe his gospel messages are relevant and applicable to their lives.

Pastor Norm is a man of patience, humility and a deep sense of calm in all situations. The litmus

test of Norm's serenity came in August 2015.

Following the two homemade bombs exploding during busy Sunday services at Holy Cross Catholic Church and Calvary Baptist Church in Las Cruces, a third explosive was discovered near a leaking sprinkler valve at First Presbyterian Church. It was because of the leaky sprinkler that the device at First Presbyterian did not detonate.

An open and inviting campus brings the church's Hispanic community, La Comunidad de Esperanza, and the Korean congregation led by Pastor Pyong San Yu, together with the traditional worshippers. The

message here is that all are welcome.

An important takeaway from Pastor Norm and his church is that the general accountability methodologies are not employed to chart the success of the church or its missions. Instead, the measure of success is the impact of Jesus on people's lives, which is a sure sign of faith in our time.

Donna Curtiss is "a cradle Catholic" who sometimes attend services with husband, Dave, at the First Presbyterian Church. In retirement, she worked for the Diocese of Las Cruces during Bishop Ricardo Ramirez's tenure.

Faiths united in humility, patience, service to others

Several days before Thanksgiving, beginning in 2015, Temple Beth-El's Social Action and Adult Education committees have sponsored a program of interfaith dialogue on a chosen theme. Several local clergy and faith leaders offer their perspectives on the topics, and then they lead program participants in small group discussions reflecting on the presentations.

This year, at the program on Nov. 18, the theme was "With Liberty and Justice for All - Leadership, Justice and Unity: What Can We Achieve Together?"

To begin, I shared two



RABBI KAROL

Seeking Harmony

prayers for our country from Jewish prayer-books. Both prayers spoke about liberty, justice, unity and respect.

Father Ron Catherson (St. John's Catholic Church of Antioch)

defined liberty as "the power to act," and explained that the freedoms we are granted in our country (religion, speech, peaceful assembly, etc.) carry with them responsibility and consequences. We can use our freedom to treat others with respect and love.

Pastor Donna Cavedon (First Christian Church) declared that people of faith respond to the injustices they witness

based on their sacred texts. Religious teachings, rather than politics, form the foundation of a belief that justice is only justice when it is justice for all.

Sureyya Husain (Islamic Center of Las Cruces) said that "it is the foundation of faith to hold fast to humility that teaches us to honor the differences among us. We are admonished to stand firm for liberty, and for justice, and to not let the hatred of any people prevent us from being just."

The Rev. Carol Tuck (United Methodist), in her remarks on leadership, focused on biblical examples of leaders who served the people. Public service is a privilege that citizens need to honor and support, because so

many public servants do their work without appreciation. Competent servant leadership is necessary for accomplishing justice and liberty for all.

Gordon Butler, from the Baha'i community, addressed the topic of unity. Religion, he said, has the true purpose of bringing unity to humankind. Even when some human communities have been at war with each other, there has always been a persistent pursuit of peace, stability and dignity for our fellow human beings.

The Rev. Dr. Harvey Daiho Hilbert (Founding Abbot and Senior Teacher of the Order of Clear Mind Zen) explained that "the path of unity of spirit is a path of getting out of our own

way. When we can do that, all faith traditions can come together. It is rather like setting ourselves aside for the sake of the higher good."

Pastor Jared Carson (Peace Lutheran Church) spoke about collaboration, which he characterized as "hard, complex and messy," but it begins when we are willing to put ourselves in the same place with people from other faith traditions.

Insightful comments emerged from the small group discussions following the presentations:

- People recognized how their respective faith traditions help them handle change in their lives.

- Caring for others and being present with them can give us a clear perspective about their

realities.

- Collaboration and cooperation are not about being in agreement, but, rather, about the desire to be together. e, as human beings, don't want to be alone.

This time of year features celebrations characterized by symbols of light. May we be guided in our own lives and in our connections to the greater community by the lights of understanding and respect that can lead us all to freedom, justice and unity.

Rabbi Larry Karol has served as spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El (www.tbcl.org) in Las Cruces since July 2011. His writings are available at rabbi-larrykarol.blogspot.com.

Celebrating CHRISTmas, the reason for the season

Christmas is the holiday for children. Recalling my childhood, it was the most eagerly anticipated of them all; birthdays came in second.

When I was about 2 years old and my brother was 4, my father dressed up as Santa Claus. My brother was fearful of him, but I readily ran to him holding out my arms for a hug.

In those days, the celebration of Christmas was nothing like today. My father would go out into the pasture and cut down a small cedar tree, which he brought home. After putting it on a cross-framed wooden base, he brought it into the house and placed it next to the fireplace.



RUTH MOORER

Not for Sissies

The decorations were mostly homemade with construction paper chains and popcorn strung on twine encircling the tree.

The ornaments could be a wide variety of things – bells, crocheted angels, cookies, fragile glass balls. We had metallic-like icicles hanging on the branches.

There were no electric lights since there was no electricity. Some people used clip-on candles, but that was a serious fire risk, which could easily burn down your house. Christmas gifts were usually homemade and wrapping paper was likely to be tissue paper, newspaper or brown packaging paper.

I have a vivid memory of the Christmas when I was almost 4 years old. We had no bathroom and we had to use the outhouse. Needing to use the toilet at night was a challenge.

My aunt and uncle from Dallas had come to be with us on Christmas Eve when we opened our gifts. There was a very large cube-shaped box next to the tree that fascinated my brother and me. It was for my mother, and as she unwrapped it, it turned out to be a box within a box – three or four of them. When the last box was opened, our curiosity knew no bounds. Perhaps you can guess what it was – yes, a chamber pot. Just what we all needed to avoid the cold and dark trips to the outhouse!

I began with the statement about Christmas being for children. I must explain more. Children have an eagerness to experience all the newness of life. They are hopeful and full of joy. They start smiling and laughing when they are only a few weeks old! Now, we realize that children's understanding of Christmas has much to do with their receiving gifts. It is a self-centered perspective, however. I believe they are able to understand intuitively that the baby Jesus was from God and one like them, that God started out as their size. I also believe that "children-at-heart" (no matter their age) can grasp its meaning most readily.

Christmas is the time for the celebration of

God's gift to the world, the birth of Jesus, his Son. Jesus is the reason for the season. If we forget that, then we might as well cancel the holiday. But Christmas has almost become a pagan celebration. How can we help restore the celebration to its true place

of honor? Next, I shall share some ideas along that line.

Ruth Justice Moorer is a resident of Las Cruces having moved here in 1996 with her husband, Charles. She has been a science teacher and a United Methodist pastor.

Navigate the holidays with those suffering dementia

BULLETIN REPORT

Holiday celebrations are joyous occasions that families look forward to all year, but they can be challenging and stressful for the millions of people living with dementia. To help families navigate holiday-related challenges, the Alzheimer's Association, NM Chapter offers these tips:

Prepare your guests: Let guests know what to expect before they arrive and tell them how they can help. Suggest activities to engage the person with Alzheimer's or best ways to communicate with them. Cross talk or simultaneous conversations can be challenging for those with Alzheimer's, so try engaging them one-on-one or in smaller group settings.

Build on traditions: Take time to experiment with new traditions that might be less stressful or a better fit with your caregiving responsibilities. If evening confusion and agitation are a problem,

turn your holiday dinner into a holiday lunch or brunch.

Involve the person living with Alzheimer's: Depending on abilities and preferences, make sure to keep the person with Alzheimer's involved in the celebrations, such as packing cookies in tins or helping wrap gifts.

Plan ahead: When attending a holiday party, prepare the host for special needs, such as a quiet room for the person to rest when they get tired, away from the noise and distractions.

Adapt gift giving: Diminishing capacity may make some gifts unusable or even dangerous to a person with dementia. Items that people living with the disease can easily enjoy are comfortable clothing, favorite music, videos and photo albums.

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Three reasons to avoid, delay knee-replacement surgery

By DR. VICTOR ROMANO
For the Bulletin

Hitting your 50s or 60s can bring several life changes, and increasingly those include artificial joints. For much of the aging U.S. population, knees in particular are wearing out.

More than 600,000 knee replacements are performed annually in the U.S., according to *"The Journal of Bone & Joint Surgery."* That number is expected to swell to 3 million by the year 2030, the publication's study reported, partly because people are working longer, and obesity is on the rise.

But while knee replacements are becoming a popular elective surgery, some studies estimate 20 percent or more of recipients aren't pleased with the result. Medical experts question whether replacement surgery is being done too soon – or whether some people need a new knee at all.

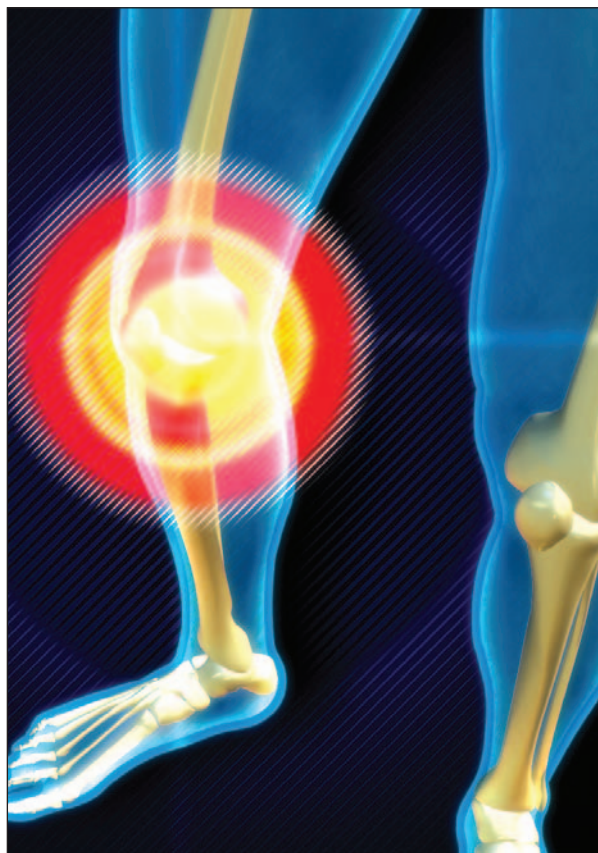
Surgery should only be done as a last resort. A knee replacement can be life-changing, but they can also be painful, wear down prematurely and become infected. If you have debilitating pain and difficulty walking because of degenerative arthritis, surgery may be your best option no matter your age. Otherwise,

there are sound reasons to avoid a knee replacement, or at least to postpone it until a more appropriate time.

Here are three main reasons to avoid or put off knee replacement surgery:

Plastic debris. A total knee replacement consists of metal moving on plastic. The plastic wears down over time, and that can be a pain – physically and financially – to patients who may have to get the prosthesis replaced once, twice or more. The plastic debris accumulates in the knee joint. The more active you are, the heavier you are, the more debris. The white cells, which attack foreign invaders, start attacking the surrounding bone. When it's time to replace the plastic joint, we also have to replace the bone – and that's a significant and unpleasant surgery.

A prosthesis doesn't last 30 years. This is why younger replacement candidates should wait as long as possible. A total joint replacement in a 70-year-old patient will typically last 15 years. With average life expectancy being 85, chances are this would be the only knee replacement that patient would need. But for a 40-year-old who's more active, it may only last 10 years. And remember, recovery



is challenging. So, it's better to wait for technology to catch up. As it does, the better the knee replacements will be.

Other remedies may work. Many people experiencing chronic knee pain are overweight. A healthy diet and exercise program can bring the weight down and take pressure off the knees. Also, a hinged knee brace, supplements that aid in repairing worn cartilage, and injections such as cortisone or hyaluronic acid could reduce pain and restore

quality of life. There are ways to at least buy time. And there are patients who were told they needed a knee replacement, but with conservative therapy options happily discovered otherwise and returned to their favorite activities without pain.

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Cannabis certification in New Mexico has come a long way

On Nov. 6 America voted and more states are now medical, and 10 states are now recreational. The momentum is growing for national legalization and safe access – thanks to us, the voters!

We anticipate that cannabis will be legal in New Mexico in the near future. The writing is on the wall. Until then, NM is still a medical cannabis state. Even though many patients shop at the dispensaries, others hesitate to go in for various reasons – one being that they are more like recreational dispensaries that promote high-THC marijuana. Many legitimate medical patients are not interested in smoking high-THC marijuana and find limited alternate delivery methods at the local dispensaries.

In any case, we are thankful for the five dispensaries in Las Cruces. At least now there is safe access for some patients.

The state's Medical Cannabis Program began accepting applications 11 years ago, in 2007, under the Lynn and Eric Compassionate Use Act. It did not happen overnight. It took years and a handful of compassionate, committed patients, practitioners and advocates to make it possible for patients to have safe ac-



HILDA LUZ CHAVEZ
The Good Herb

cess. Many of the original pioneers have since passed away, never to be forgotten.

At the time, Las Cruces practitioners were not willing to certify patients. Patients in southern NM

had to travel to Albuquerque or Santa Fe to be certified.

The New Mexico Department of Health (MDOH) rules were more restrictive then. It was almost impossible to be certified for chronic pain. The patient needed two certifications, one from a pain specialist. Well, that was unlikely, since there were no pain specialists willing to certify.

Many newer patients will never know how much had to happen to make it easier for them to gain safe access.

Personally, it took me two years to find two doctors who would certify me under chronic pain. In 2008, I was referred to Dr. Eve Elting, one of the few doctors in the state willing to certify. Patients traveled from all over to see her in Truth or Consequences.

Once Dr. Elting and I met, it was a no-brainer that we would collaborate. At her invitation, I began serving medical cannabis patients as a naturopath,

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educator and guide.

Another challenge was supporting legitimate PTSD patients, thousands of them veterans. They could only be certified by a mental health specialist or psychiatrist. Again, few of those were willing to certify. My colleague and partner of 10 years now stepped up to the plate. She has been certifying and treating PTSD patients with medical cannabis when no one else would. Not only do we certify our patients, we provide continued patient care and education in the proper and medical use of cannabis. As directed by NMDOH

regulations, we establish and maintain a relationship with our patients so that they have a support system in place. If they need counseling, or a referral to a PCP, or CBD products, etc., we provide. We believe in Integrative care and know that using cannabis is but one tool. We also know that there is so much more needed on the road to wellness.

In 2018, NMMCP CONSULTING celebrated our 10th year of service educating patients in the use of this sacred medicinal herb. When used properly, it can change lives and ease suffering.

A few years ago, NMDOH changed the regulations again and allowed any licensed practitioner to certify any

patient. Though initially this appeared to be a step in the right direction, it unleashed a PTSD certification frenzy. This encourages recreational users to walk in for diagnosis on the spot for a fee. And some of the practitioners are set up next to the dispensaries. So, herein lies the ongoing concern and reason for this column.

We know that PTSD is a serious mental health condition that can be life-threatening without proper diagnosis, treatment and follow-up care. Many of my colleagues in the mental health field believe that a walk-in certification and diagnosis for PTSD is not only irresponsible but borders on malpractice. The question is, who is regulating these

practitioners? Who is doing the follow-up care?

Is it ethical for a family practitioner to diagnose a patient with PTSD after one casual meeting?

Is the practitioner practicing beyond their scope when diagnosing PTSD? Is the practitioner providing a treatment plan or follow-up care for PTSD?

The concern is that PTSD is being diagnosed irresponsibly – while some legitimate PTSD patients have had to prove eligibility for years.

The reality is that some dispensaries are complicit in this practice when they encourage providers to sell signatures for PTSD certification. More concerning is that dispensaries are disrespectful of local mental health prac-

tioners when they discourage patients to seek treatment and counseling. One patient revealed that he was told by a local dispensary that their dispensary practitioner would certify him, no counseling recommended.

There are 21-plus qualifying conditions for medical cannabis, and recreational use is not a medical condition. Profit is a motivating factor when dispensaries promote walk-in certifications. After all, selling cannabis is a billion-dollar industry, not much different than the pharmaceutical industry.

There is a reason you do not see a doctor working out of a pharmacy. It is a conflict of interest. The dispensaries

get around the law by working with a practitioner who has a certification business next door. Clever; not necessarily ethical.

Ethical certifying providers are concerned that this trend may put the lives of legitimate PTSD patients at risk.

Are dispensaries promoting recreational use of cannabis by signing walk-in PTSD certifications? What do you think?

Hilda Luz Chavez, ND, is a third-generation healer and curandera. She works to educate younger generations about herbal medicine and to support older generations with remedies they remember. She may be reached at chavezhl@aol.com.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Alzheimer's group: 10-11 a.m., second Thursday of every month, 1155 S. Telshor Blvd., Suite 202. Early Stages Alzheimer's Support Group meets. Attend with a friend or family member.

Ambercare Hospice Volunteer Program: Ambercare seeks individuals interested in volunteers to offer comfort and support to patients and their families. Hospice volunteers read, take walks, listen or provide companionship. Training provided. Info: 575-556-8409, ext. 12418, or jlopez@ambercare.com.

Aquatic cardio: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department offers a Pound class, rhythmic cardio jam session, combining light resistance

with constant simulated drumming. The total body workout fuses cardio, Pilates, isometric movements, plyometrics into a 45-minute series. Info: 575-541-2782.

Birth, death certificates: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Closed noon-1 p.m. Info: 575-528-5046.

Bone Boosters: 11:30 a.m. first Thursday. Sponsored by National Osteoporosis Foundation/New Mexico Affiliate. Info: 575-522-5106 or 575-522-0503 to RSVP.

Breast cancer support group: Meets 10-11:30 a.m. fourth Saturday each month, Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., west side annex building. Free, no pre-registration, open to all.

Breastfeeding support group: 10-11:30 a.m. every Friday, Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room. Mama's Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group. Refreshments provided. Cost: free. Info: 575-521-5393.

Cancer support group: 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday, University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer Care is a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends). Info: Betty Harris, 575-524-3994 or the church office, 575-522-8220.

Christian meditation: 5:30-6:20 p.m. Tuesdays at The Bridge, northeast corner of Chaparral Street and East Mesa Avenue; Wednesdays at Nopalito Gallery, 326 S. Mesquite

St." In stillness, silence, emptiness a journey to the inner self, where the Spirit of God abides." Info: Joe Murray, 860-514-0548 or joe@haidacher.cc.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 7 p.m. Mondays, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri, Room 107. A 12-step program to let go of unhealthy rescuing behavior. Info: www.coda.org or Wayne at 575-647-5684.

Dance fitness: Professional instructor. Class size limited. Cost: \$20-\$45 a month depending on hours attending. Free try-out classes. Info: Call or text, 575 405-4142.

• Dance Fit: 8:30-10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

• Ballet: 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

Diabetes group meeting: 5-6:30 p.m., first Tuesday

of each month, Mountainview Senior Circle Association, 3948 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 1, (behind Walgreens on Lohman). Yes Diabetes Group Meeting for children in elementary through high school. Parents or guardians must attend. Info 575-522-0289.

Diabetes support group: 10-11:15 a.m. third Thursday in the meeting room of Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave. Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings provide open discussion and teaching regarding diabetes and a question-and-answer period. Info: 575-522-0289.

Epilepsy Support: 1-2:30 p.m. first Saturday of every month, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Support for anyone with epilepsy, those who have

loved ones with epilepsy, and caregivers of epileptics. Info: 505-243-9119 or EpilepsySupportNM.org.

Hatha Yoga Classes: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Wed. & 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Fri. Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., center's Fitness room. \$2 per class or \$1 for participants 60 years old and over. Classes have a capacity limit. Info, 575-541-2782

Hearing voices: 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Amador Health Center, 999 W. Amador Avenue (on the Community of Hope campus). A group for people who hear voices, have visions and unusual experiences to share experiences and learn from each other. Family members, friends and interested people are also welcome. Info: Al Galves, 575-571-3105 or agalves2003@comcast.net.



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Scenes from the 2017 Las Noches de Luminarias.

Plaza, fort events celebrate regional holiday traditions

BULLETIN REPORT

Two uniquely Southwestern holiday events are coming to the Las Cruces area in mid-December.

More than 800 luminarias will light up the roads and walkways of the historic site during Fort Selden's Las Noches de Las Luminarias. And more than 175 nativity scenes will highlight Nacimiento Open House with J. Paul Taylor at his historic Mesilla home.

• Fort Selden Las Noches de Las Luminarias will be held from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at the historic frontier fort north of Las Cruces.

Admission is free, with support provided by the Museum of New Mexico Foundation and the Valle Verde 4-H Club.

Hundreds of luminarias throughout the old fort will brighten the night, which will also include holiday music, a cozy camp fire and a warm cup of cocoa as participants tour the fort grounds



and make their own holiday decorations. Participants are advised to dress warmly, as all activities will be outside.

"We invite the community to come out to Fort Selden for the annual holiday celebration," said New Mexico Historic Sites Regional Manager Leslie Bergloff.

"This family event has something for everyone: music, carolers, a band and refreshments. Walking along the trails lined by luminarias in the crisp moonlight air reminds us that our holiday traditions have a way of connecting us to each other, our families and friends. The event is New Mexico Historic Sites gift

Nacimientos (nativity) scenes from the international collection of J. Paul Taylor.



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Singles group emphasizes friendship, shared activities

BULLETIN REPORT

LC Social Singles, the group formerly known as LC Singles, hosts a Christmas Party at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at Los Compas, 1120 Commerce, Suite C. There are no dues or fees; attendees pay for their own meal and gratuity, but donations to help pay for printing posters and flyers are gratefully accepted.

The group, which was founded in 2002 but became dormant for a while, is reorganizing with a new mission.

"We recently decided to change the name to include the word 'social' because this is not like an internet dating site," says Anna Juarez, founder of the group.

"Yes, people can meet folks to date, but more importantly we make friends and find activity buddies. Right now,

we're planning a January day trip to Deming to try out their cuisine, visit their museum and explore our neighbor to the west.

"We hope to do day trips to places like Ruidoso, Silver City and Truth or Consequences, too."

The group hosted Christmas parties for many years, but activity slowed when the founder had family obligations and health issues that prevented her from being as active.

"Last year, I decided to revive the group," Juarez said. "I kept running into people who said that they enjoyed the activities that we hosted and that they wished such a group existed now."

The purpose of the group, according to Juarez, is to help people make new friends.

Often, the group meets in local restaurants,

what Juarez calls "a safe and very public environment."

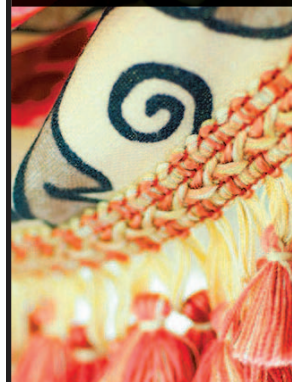
"We will have an optional gift exchange at the Christmas party," she said. "If people want to participate, they should bring a wrapped gift that costs between \$5 and \$20 and it should be suitable for either a male or female recipient."

"Whether one chooses to participate or not, it's a lot of fun just seeing what people came up with as presents."

LC Social Singles meets the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Indulgence Bakery and Cafe, 2265 S Main St.; and every Monday at 4 p.m. at Sugies Diner, 340 N. Main St. next to InstaCopy Imaging and across the street from the Downtown U.S. Post Office.

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The painted sky

Hanging in Nature's gallery is a fiery autumn sunset Saturday, Nov. 24, just south of Las Cruces overlooking Interstate 10.

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to the community.”

Fort Selden is about 13 miles north of Las Cruces. From Las Cruces, take exit 19 at Radium Springs. Follow the signs to 1280 Fort Selden Road.

- Nacimiento Open House will be held 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 at the historic home of educator, historian and former state representative J. Paul Taylor, 2346 Calle Principal on the Mesilla Plaza.

The event is free to members of the Friends of the Taylor Family Monument (FTFM) and \$5 for non-members.

The visit will be highlighted by more than 175 nacimientos (nativity) scenes from Taylor's personal collection.

“Christmas with J. Paul

and Mary Daniels Taylor always included decorating with nacimientos and welcoming people into their home,” according to www.ftfm-mesilla-nm.org. “Since 2010, FTFM have helped Mr. Taylor maintain this tradition as a public event.

“The Taylor collection of nacimientos includes pieces from around the world. Represented countries include Mexico, Guatemala, Ecuador, Peru, Costa Rica, Brazil, Italy, Spain, China, Ethiopia, Poland, Israel, India, Kyrgyzstan, Indonesia, and the United States. Materials and style vary from traditional to contemporary, clay to wood, plain to colorful.”

For more information on both events, contact Bergloff at 575-202-1638 and leslie.bergloff@state.nm.us.

The theory of evolution

With each victory, NMSU becoming a higher species of basketball team

We knew the Aggies were deep, as pointed out in this column last week.

We knew that they could score, as evidenced by their 98-94 victory over the University of New Mexico back in November.

In two rousing home games this week, as they prepped to meet nationally ranked No. 2 Kansas on Saturday, New Mexico State won another way: with stifling defense.

And even those two games were different. On Saturday, Dec. 1, the Ags gutted out a 69-63 win over tall, talented Washington State of the Power 5 Pac 12 Conference. Playing without injured center Eli Chuha, NMSU hit enough perimeter shots to hold off Wazzou every time the Cougars threatened.

Three nights later, with Chuha returning to contribute 15 minutes, they dismantled UNM 100-65, toying with the Lobos most of the way with their depth (115 minutes from the bench) and a beautifully orchestrated inside game that produced a flow of easy buckets.

Yes, these Aggies, now 7-1 on the season, can score. They also play tenacious defense, box out, rebound, handle the



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Aggie Athletics

ball in the open court, shoot adequately from outside and break down opponents inside with smart, unselfish play.

The latter was never clearer than against

UNM Tuesday, when Lobo Coach Paul Weir – remember him? – stubbornly refused to abandon the full court press on inbound plays. So, the home team showed Weir, the former Aggie coach who was greeted with boos throughout, just how you unlock that press – by quick passing (and a minimum of dribbling) in the backcourt and sharing the ball with clever passing in the frontcourt while your big men cut to the hole.

This team-first attitude and versatile depth is a coach's delight, even if head man Chris Jans – who's looking a little scruffy these days with the beard and sounding a bit hoarse from all that yelling – still isn't sure how any of his guys in this young season is going to perform on any given night.

Against Washington State, C.J. Bobbitt led the scoring with 15 points. JoJo Zamora had five.

Against UNM, Bobbitt was held scoreless; Zamora led everyone

with 27 points.

Ivan Aurrecochea, the newcomer junior from Madrid, Spain, had four points against Washington State, 25 against UNM.

And guard AJ Harris can bomb in points one night and act as a facilitator the next.

There is no hierarchy to this roster, which is building great team chemistry.

In truth, it's difficult to gauge just how good the Albuquerque Lobos, who are 3-0 against everybody but the Aggies this year, really are. And by that measure, it's also difficult to know just how much potential this NMSU team has – that is, until they face the Jayhawks, one of the elite programs in the history of college basketball with multiple national championships.

The game, 6:30 p.m. Saturday from Kansas City (ESPN2, 99.5 FM) is a test all Aggie fans should relish. Win or lose, the Aggies will scrap and earn respect outside of the cozy confines of the Southwest region. They have earned this matchup. It's an honor to have your shot at the best. It's time to find out just how evolved this team really is.

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Whether from the free-throw line or from 3-point range, JoJo Zamora could hardly miss against UNM.



The tense win over Washington State was more of a relief than anything.

Happy Holidays

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Faith in yourself makes a difference in life and golf

Two of my favorite classic movies during the Holiday season are “It’s a Wonderful Life” and “Miracle on 34th Street.” Both are inspirational.

“It’s a Wonderful Life” tells the story of small-town businessman George Bailey (Jimmy Stewart), whose savings-and-loan bank comes up short of cash on Christmas Eve after a clerk loses the deposit.

Faced by a surprise audit, and gripped by panic, George is struck by the thought that, as far as providing for his family, he is worth more dead than alive, due to a modest life insurance policy. As he prepares



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

to jump from a darkened bridge high above freezing waters, George’s guardian angel, Clarence, takes over and proceeds to reveal to George how things might have been

much worse in Bedford Falls if he had never been born. Returning home, George is met by a reception of townspeople who have chipped in to make up the \$5,000 shortfall. Yes, this is a wonderful life.

Every year this film evokes feelings of joy and appreciation for all our blessings as Americans. True, there continue to be the sick and the homeless, the

poor and the hungry. Our abundance is not shared by every American. We have to work on that. But America is the most bountiful place on Earth, and from day to day we often lose sight of that. No one was born to be a failure; there is opportunity everywhere. And no one is poor who has friends. This time of year we can be thankful for all the people who make life a joy.

As a psychologist I have seen plenty of depressed people. I sometimes wonder how anybody can be depressed in America and the Land of Enchantment, when the sun shines 350 days a year. It’s a wonderful place.

I guess that’s why so many immigrants want to come here. If you’re a golfer how can you be sour? It’s a wonderful game, meant to be enjoyed, not obsessed over.

“Miracle on 34th Street” is seasonal classic (1947) that’s relevant today because of its timeless message of the power of believing. Set in Manhattan as Macy’s Department Store prepares for its annual Thanksgiving Day Parade and its battle with store rival Gimbel’s, Macy’s has hired the perfect Santa for their float – his name is Kris Kringle! But despite his popularity and kindness, Kringle’s boss (Maureen O’Hara) is skeptical, and her

daughter Susan (Natalie Wood) thinks that Santa Claus is a myth. When Kringle is declared insane and goes to trial, Susan and her mother begin to question their lack of faith, as it becomes clear there is something special about this “Santa.”

My inspiration from “Miracle on 34th Street” comes not only from the pathos linked to Holiday Season when I was a child, but also from the idea that when you believe in something worthwhile, and energize your belief with imagination, there is such magic, power and genius, that your dreams can come true. We often seem bound and limited by thinking

small, failing to let our true potential shine. As a golfer do you really know what stupendous things you’re capable of if you apply yourself? Kringle is eventually validated and found to be sane by a clever lawyer.

But in “Miracle” Susan found that having faith in something was fulfilling even when it seemed illogical. The lesson? Sometimes we have to simply trust in our own ability and strength. You have to believe.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Israel Ramirez is a 16-year-old junior at Las Cruces High School. He plays safety on the Bulldawgs football team. This season, Ramirez rushed for 147 yards and one touchdown, and made 13 receptions for 155 yards and two touchdowns. On defense, he had 45 tackles and a fumble recovery.

He is a hard worker with high energy, is well-liked by his peers and is an outstanding representative of Bulldawg football. Ramirez is a dedicated student, with a 3.80 GPA and is in the Health Program at LCHS. Outside of school and football, he enjoys spending time with his family.

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